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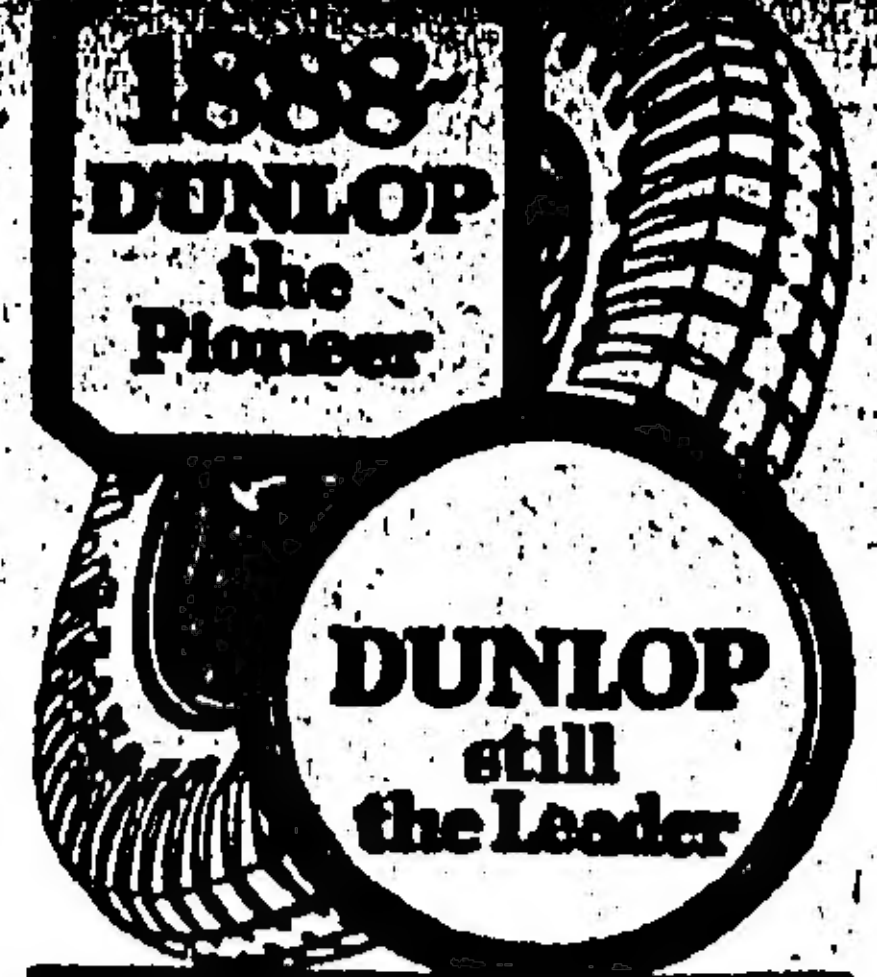
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THRILLING LINER-FIRE ESCAPE STORIES

Indo-China Chief Justice's Adventure

SURVIVORS TELL GRIM TALE

RELATIVES SEPARATED IN CONFUSION

POIGNANT RE-UNIONS ON PIER AT ADEN

Aden, May 18.

A HOST OF THRILLING STORIES OF REMARKABLE ESCAPES FROM THE FIRE TERROR ABOARD THE ILL-FATED FRENCH LINER, "GEORGES PHILLIPAR," WHEN THE FLAMES SWEEPED THROUGH THE VESSEL WITH INCREDIBLE RAPIDITY, TRAPPING MANY OF THE FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS IN THEIR CABINS, WERE RELATED ON THE ARRIVAL OF TWO BRITISH STEAMERS TODAY WITH OVER 260 SURVIVORS.

Aden was also the scene of several joyful re-unions when people rescued by one boat found their relatives from whom they had been separated on the other.

M. Louis Alfred, the Chief Justice of Indo-China, and his wife, had one of the most sensational escapes. Both were trapped in their cabin by sheets of flame roaring along the corridor. M. Alfred fought his way through to the deck and lowered his overcoat to the porthole outside, pulling up his wife. His daughter and son-in-law, however, are at present among those whose whereabouts are unknown.

NO WIRELESS SIGNALS SENT OUT

It is now disclosed that the Georges Phillipar was unable to send out any wireless signals. The flames had obtained a firm hold before the outbreak was discovered and it spread so rapidly that the wireless-operator's room was put of action before any S. O. S. message could be sent out.

LUCKY CHANCE.

Those which were picked up by liners in the vicinity were sent out by the two British steamers and the Russian oil-tanker which, fortunately for those aboard, were in a position to see the terrible blaze which was sweeping through the £1,000,000 liner and raced to the rescue, while warning other ships.

The confusion and panic aboard the Georges Phillipar was almost indescribable as the passengers were roused from their sleep and told to make their way forward.

LIFEBOATS BURNT OUT.

The vessel's head was kept into the teeth of the wind and the smoke, sparks and flames invaded the afterpart of the vessel, a number of life boats housed there quickly being consumed.

It was impossible for the passengers to take up their boat-drill positions owing to the intense heat and consequently, husbands were separated from wives and children from their parents.

SHARK-INFESTED WATER.

Rafts and lifeboats were, however, plentiful, enabling the survivors to be ferried to the rescuing ships, or to be picked up without difficulty from the calm but shark-infested water.

The stories of all the survivors of the liner disaster who have reached Aden show that the flames got a firm hold long before the discovery of the outbreak, the cause of which can only be the subject of speculation.

All chemical extinguishers and hoses were quite inadequate to cope with the fury of the fire, and the paint, polished wood and ornaments, and the superstructure burned greedily.

The spread of the holocaust was amazingly swift.

SCENES AT PIER.

The British steamer, Mahaud, with 125 survivors, including children, thirty-nine passengers and fifty-one Chinese members of the crew, arrived in Aden three

hours after the Contractor. Poignant scenes were witnessed on the pier soon after the vessel had arrived alongside as survivors from the Mahaud found that relatives they thought they had lost had reached safety before them.

Once mother for instance, was almost delicious with joy to find her two daughters safe.

There were only two serious cases of injury as result of the disaster when the Mahaud arrived. These were sent to hospital. Seven others received burns of

WATER SUPPLY HOURS

In order to meet the wishes of the Chinese community, a change is to be made in the hours during which water supplies are available.

Instead of the water being turned on from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the supplies will be available, on and after to-morrow, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The change does not affect the Penk district, where the hours will remain 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

one kind or another, but these were not regarded as serious cases.—*Reuter.*

DIDN'T SAIL.

It is learned this morning that Mr. Rodd Moffett, of Shanghai, did not sail aboard the Georges Phillipar, as he changed his mind at the last minute and left a few days later in the Conte Rosso.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNING

LANGUAGE PROBLEM THE CAUSE

(*Reuter's Special Service.*)

Brussels, May 17.

The Catholic-Liberal Coalition Cabinet, under M. Jules Ronkin (Catholic), which has been in office since last June, is resigning to-morrow.

This step is being taken because the Government is unable to settle the language question.



The loss of the Georges Phillipar is a heavy blow to the M.M. line. Our photo shows a corner of the wonderfully decorated first-class saloon.

EPIDEMIC AT SEA

O.S.K. BOAT WITH 11 HONGKONG PASSENGERS

TYPHOID, MEASLES, PNEUMONIA

Durban, May 17. An amazing outbreak of diseases, ranging from typhoid to pneumonia, measles and chicken-pox, which nearly threatened to involve over 1,200 Japanese emigrants and some European passengers, occurred at sea aboard the Japanese steamer, Rio de Janeiro Maru.

The vessel belongs to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and is on the run from Japan to South America, via Hongkong, Saigon, Durban, Cape Town and Buenos Aires.

THREE DEATHS.

She was on her way from Singapore to Durban when the outbreak occurred and the doctor was kept constantly at work as fresh cases, of a variety of diseases, occurred.

The Rio de Janeiro Maru arrived in Durban to-day with the yellow flag flying and it was disclosed that three persons had been buried at sea and that forty others aboard had been stricken down and needed to be placed in hospital ashore.

FOREIGNERS FROM H.K.

The vessel was carrying eleven passengers from Hongkong for Durban and Buenos Aires, one European and ten Americans.

Mr. S. Faberian, a British merchant, was aboard from Hongkong, proceeding to Durban on business. Others from the Colony were Mr. McLaughlin, an American, and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Perez, with their seven children, all proceeding to Buenos Aires. The Rio de Janeiro Maru left Hongkong for Saigon on April 23.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER

MADE MEMBER OF PRIVY COUNCIL

London, May 17.

H. M. the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Joseph Lyons, Prime Minister of Australia, to be a member of His Majesty's Privy Council.—*British Wireless.*

AIR MISHAP ALARM

GERMAN FLIERS MISSING

FRANTIC SEARCH IN TIMOR SEA

Kupang, May 17.

Fears of a tragic termination to a long flight on the eve of success are now entertained in the absence of news of Flight-Captain Hans Bertram, the famous German aviator, who took off from Kupang for Port Darwin early yesterday morning and has failed to arrive.

A frantic search is now in progress for signs of the large Junkers all-metal seaplane which he was piloting, accompanied by another young German, Herr Thom, as second pilot, Count Lagoria, the well-known film operator, and a mechanic, Herr Klausmann.

They arrived in Kupang on Sunday on a trade and mapping flight from Germany to the Far East and to Australia, and took off for Port Darwin, apparently, early yesterday morning, since when nothing has been heard of the party.

DESTROYER SEARCHING.

A Dutch destroyer from Sourabaya is helping in the search and all ships in the vicinity have been warned by wireless to keep a look-out for the missing aviator.

The object of the flight was explained by Captain Bertram in an interview in Singapore when he said that he sought to discover the best means of linking up Australia, Asia and Europe by air lines, while he also proposes to fly across America and Africa with the same object in view. He is of the opinion that the best method would be to divide the routes up so that land and sea planes can be (Continued on Page 7.)

GERMAN THUNDERSTORM HAVOC

(*Reuter's Special Service.*)

Cologne, May 17.

Vineyards and orchards in the Rhineland have suffered as the result of a thunder-storm which was so violent that bodies from churchyards at Rubenack were washed out of the graves.

WAR NEARS HARBIN

SAND BAGS IN THE CITY

SIGNS OF ANXIETY BY JAPANESE

GUNFIRE HEARD

Harbin, May 18.

War operations are approaching perilously near Harbin, where the sound of gunfire was clearly heard yesterday. The situation is regarded so seriously by the Japanese that they are now busy erecting sandbag barricades in the city.

All day long yesterday, the anti-Manchukuo forces were besieging Sungpu, launching a determined attack against the city.

The defenders of the city kept the attackers at bay and finally routed them, but the gunfire of the invaders proved so effective that by evening many parts of Sungpu were going up in flames.

SECOND ATTACK.

Despite heavy losses, the anti-Manchukuo forces, after receiving reinforcements, launched another attack, but this, too, proved unsuccessful.

Four bridges fifteen miles east of Imlenpo have been destroyed by the anti-Manchukuo troops, who retreated when the guard on a breakdown train poured a hail of machine-gun fire into their midst.

LINE CUT AGAIN.

The track has also been torn up by anti-Manchukuo troops a few miles to the east of Hengtaohotze, and, as a result, communication between that point and Pogranichnaya, which had only just been restored, is again interrupted.

Three Japanese troops trains, escorted by armoured trains, left for Hailan on Monday. The Japanese have reoccupied Erho and Mutankiang.

Japanese troops in Harbin were busily engaged yesterday in erecting sandbag barricades in the new town.—*Reuter.*

MASSACRE OF JAPANESE

INSURGENT RAID IN MANCHURIA

Harbin, May 18.

A terrible outrage is reported from Iran, where insurgents under General Li Tu massacred thirty-five Japanese.

The insurgents then set fire to the city, before retreating to Fuchin.—*Reuter.*

Later.

The massacre occurred yesterday morning, when General Li Tu's insurgents, under pressure of the advance of Japanese columns down the Sungari, decided to evacuate the city and retreat in the direction of Fuchin, near the Siberian border.

The bodies of the victims were discovered when General Nakamura's Brigade entered and occupied the city, which had previously been the insurgents' principal base.

The Japanese military consequently considers the capture of Ilan as an important victory in the campaign to suppress the anti-Manchukuo elements.—*Reuter.*

Five people were killed in the village of Gual, near Coblenz, owing to the collapse of flooded houses, while twenty-five people who were praying in a church were trapped by the flood and had to be rescued by the police through the roof.

CRUEL HOAX ON COL. LINDBERGH

AMAZING CONFESSION BY "MILLIONAIRE"



Mr. John H. Curtis, the "wealthy" boat builder, surrounded by newspapers, relating his now discredited story of negotiations with the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby.

NEGOTIATIONS STORY SHEER IMAGINATION

New York, May 17.

An astounding story of a cruel hoax on Colonel Lindbergh in the course of his anxious search for his lost son, perpetrated by a reputed to be a millionaire, is the latest sensation provided by the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

The story was revealed as a result of the tremendous efforts now in progress to bring the inhuman criminals to justice. Those who claimed to have been in contact with the gang have been subjected to a close questioning, mainly with a view, of course, to getting on the track of the kidnapers.

When Mr. John H. Curtis, the "millionaire" Boston shipbuilder, who has been widely acclaimed as one of Colonel Lindbergh's most efficient amateur detectives, was questioned on certain curious points on his story of his alleged negotiations, he was unable to sustain it, breaking down and confessing that the whole "negotiations" were a hoax.

THE CONFESSION.

He told Colonel Norman Schwarzkopf, the Chief of Police of New Jersey State, who made a dramatic announcement of the confession at Hopewell, New Jersey, to-day, that the whole of the story of the negotiations was the creation of his imagination.

Colonel Schwarzkopf added that Mr. Curtis typed a full confession of his cruel part in the Lindbergh drama at four o'clock this morning, after hours of questioning.

NEWSPAPER OFFER.

In the course of his confession Curtis alleged that a prominent newspaper made him a very lucrative offer for the exclusive story and that offers were also made to him by a film company.

The Chief of Police commented, in making the story public, that Curtis's deception had resulted in many fruitless trips by road, sea and air, and had kept Colonel Lindbergh from his home during the most important phases of the case.

FIRM BANKRUPT.

In the course of his confession, Curtis declared that he had not been himself for the past seven months owing to financial troubles which he had been at great pains to hide.

The boat-building firm of which he was the "millionaire" owner, went bankrupt a year ago, he declared. The statements and descriptions of five men were furnished to the

police only on Sunday as those of the gang with whom he had been negotiating.

Curtis also described the boat which he said the alleged kidnapers were using, and the Coast Guard was requested to search for the vessel believed to be in the vicinity of Chesapeake Bay. The Coast Guard was given descriptions of the five men who were last reported aboard the boat Curtis described.

Seventy-five United States coast guard vessels have been patrolling the Atlantic coast ever since from Virginia to Massachusetts in the belief that they had the kidnapers and slayers of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., blockaded at sea.

PLANNED COUP.

Authorities have since been checking the statements of everybody who ever attempted to get into contact with the kidnapers. Meanwhile Captain Frank Luckmann of the yacht Marcon has revealed what he believed was a plan of the kidnapers to capture Lindbergh himself.

He said go-betweens were seeking to get Colonel Lindbergh on the Marcon for a rendezvous at sea. Persons representing themselves as possessors of the baby said John Curtis told him that they would deliver the baby when contact was made, without any advance payment.

Curtis mindful of what happened to the negotiations in New York of Professor John Condon, who put up \$50,000 fruitlessly, declared no more ransom would be paid until the baby was turned over. Authorities fully believed that if they could find the persons who dealt with Curtis and his associates, including the Rev. H. Dobson Peasecock and Rear Admiral Guy Hamilton Burrage, the rest of the mystery would be unfolded.—*Reuter.*

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge League.

The supreme thrill in contract bridge is the bidding and making of a grand slam. Using the writer's system of contract bidding, the grand slam was easily arrived at in the following hand.

<p> A-K A-K-2 A-J-7-3 Q-J-4-2 Q-9-8 Q-J-5 4-3 5-4 9-8 </p>	<p> NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH Dealer </p>	<p> A-J-10 6-5-3 10-9-6 10-8-6 10-7 7-4 8-7 K-Q-9-2 A-K-6-5-3 </p>
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The Bidding.

It must be remembered that the writer bids four-card suits before his five-card suits, therefore South, the dealer opened the bidding with one diamond. West passed. As North knows that his partner will not open without two and one-half quick tricks, he can easily read that South must hold the king and queen of diamonds and the ace of clubs. The question is whether he holds the king of clubs or the queen and jack of either hearts or spades. North invites a slam by bidding four no trumps. South then shows his five-card suit by bidding five clubs.

The bidding of five clubs by South practically assures North that South originally held four diamonds which must have been headed by at least king, queen in order to be biddable, and five clubs. Undoubtedly the club suit is headed by ace, king in order to establish the two and one-half quick tricks for an original bid. North can easily see 13 tricks and immediately bids seven no trump.

The Play.

There is not much to the play of the hand. East has the opening lead and should open with the five of spades—his fourth best spade. When West covers with the queen, the declarer wins with the ace and then starts his club suit by leading the queen and following with the jack and then overtaking the four spot in the dummy with the ace. On the fifth club, the declarer discards his losing deuce of hearts. The king and queen of diamonds in the dummy are good and this leaves the ace and jack of diamonds, the ace and king of hearts and the king of spades good in the declarer's hand.

As neither side were vulnerable when this hand was played, the declarer scored 1000 points for a slam bid and made 245 for tricks and his side became vulnerable.

GOOD BUSINESS.

BUYING IN PROGRESS ON LONDON EXCHANGE

London, May 17.
When the stock exchange opened after the holiday this morning, the outstanding feature was again provided by leading high class investment securities on a favourable monetary position. Good buying was again in progress, and a few high records established by several issues.

Consolidated loans rose to 99½, while the funding loan reached 100.—British Wireless.

LOCAL HOSPITAL EXTENSION.

YOUNG WO NURSING HOME PROGRESS

The new hospital building of the Young Wo Nursing Home will be formally opened this afternoon at 4.30 by Mrs. Kotewall, the wife of the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. The Directors of the Young Wo Institution and its chairman, Dr. Li Shu-fan, have issued invitations to a number of distinguished residents for the ceremony.

The new building, which has been erected as an extension of the existing hospital, has been planned and placed on the site with a view to forming the nucleus of the eventual rebuilding of the entire hospital—the greatest attention has, at the same time, been given to considerations of light and air, prevailing breeze, through ventilation, and the general well being of all, both patients, staffs, and doctors, using the building, which is generally five storeyed, surmounted by a flat roof laid out as an attractive roof garden.

The lowest storey is entirely devoted to administrative services, and contains, in addition to three entrances, leading respectively to the lift, the main stair, and the service stair, etc. the following accommodation:

Waiting room for patients and friends, doctor's private office, doctor's consulting room, cloak room for visiting doctors, adjoining lift; general office; a large lecture room for nursing staff, also to be used for religious services; dispensary, with service room in rear, adjoining the service stair; matrons office, laboratory, two bedrooms, toilet, and store for the dispensary staff.

The Wards.

Above this are four similar floors in all 23 private wards, 4 private suites, and a labour theatre—all these rooms have direct through ventilation, and large open verandahs 8'6" wide for open air treatment, with wide double doors in and out—and all except two on each floor have private toilets. The four private suites each comprise entrance hall, servants room, private bath room and toilet and specially large ward, with a recess ventilated on all four sides for the benefit of tubercular patients.

All wards are very completely fitted and furnished, having built-in wardrobes, completely fitted, lavatory basins, mirrors, towel rails, etc. and are furnished with the latest adjustable hospital beds, bedside tables, with hot and cold thermos flasks, tea tables, reclining chairs, visitors chairs, etc.

In rear of the wards, arranged in small detached blocks, so as in no way to interfere with the through ventilation of the wards, are placed the various offices in connexion with each floor, including ward kitchens, with food lift to all levels, staff and servants toilets, baths, W.C.s, slop sink, telephone booth, etc.

The nurses duty room is exactly central in each floor, so as to permit of the most rapid attendance on all patients.

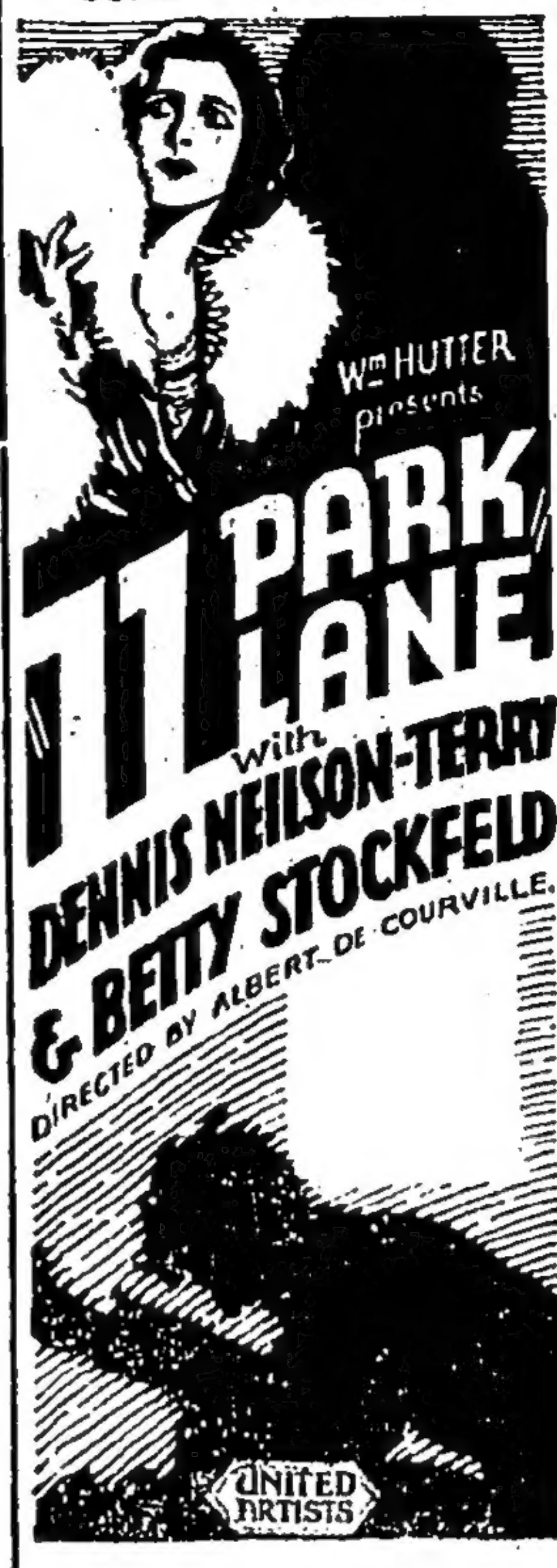
A Roof Garden.

The roof, commanding magnificent views in all directions, is laid out as a garden, with ornamental tile paving, a large covered pavilion, pergolas, etc. where growing vines are already in position—both stairs and the lift serve this level.

The electrical installation embodies all the latest improvements, having in addition to the ordinary lighting, bedside lamps, lamps over all mirrors, and special built-in reading lamps to verandahs, one for each patient. A very complete system of signals is installed, for patients to call nurses or servants, and for visiting doctors to notify the office of their whereabouts, on entering any ward.

The latest type "Sparton" radio is installed, wired to each bedside, so that patients desiring to "listen in" have only to insert the plug and adjust the headphones—no

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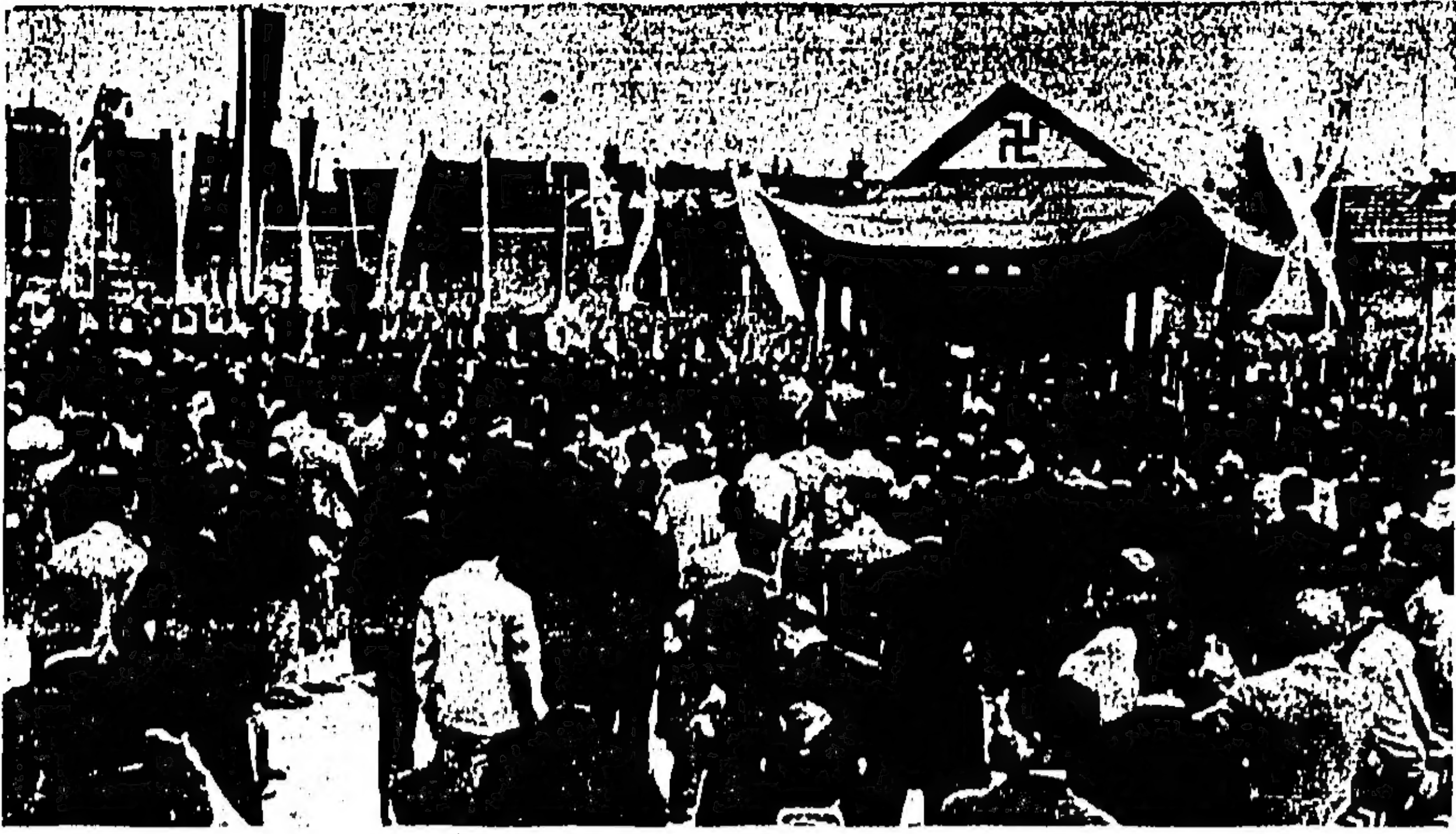
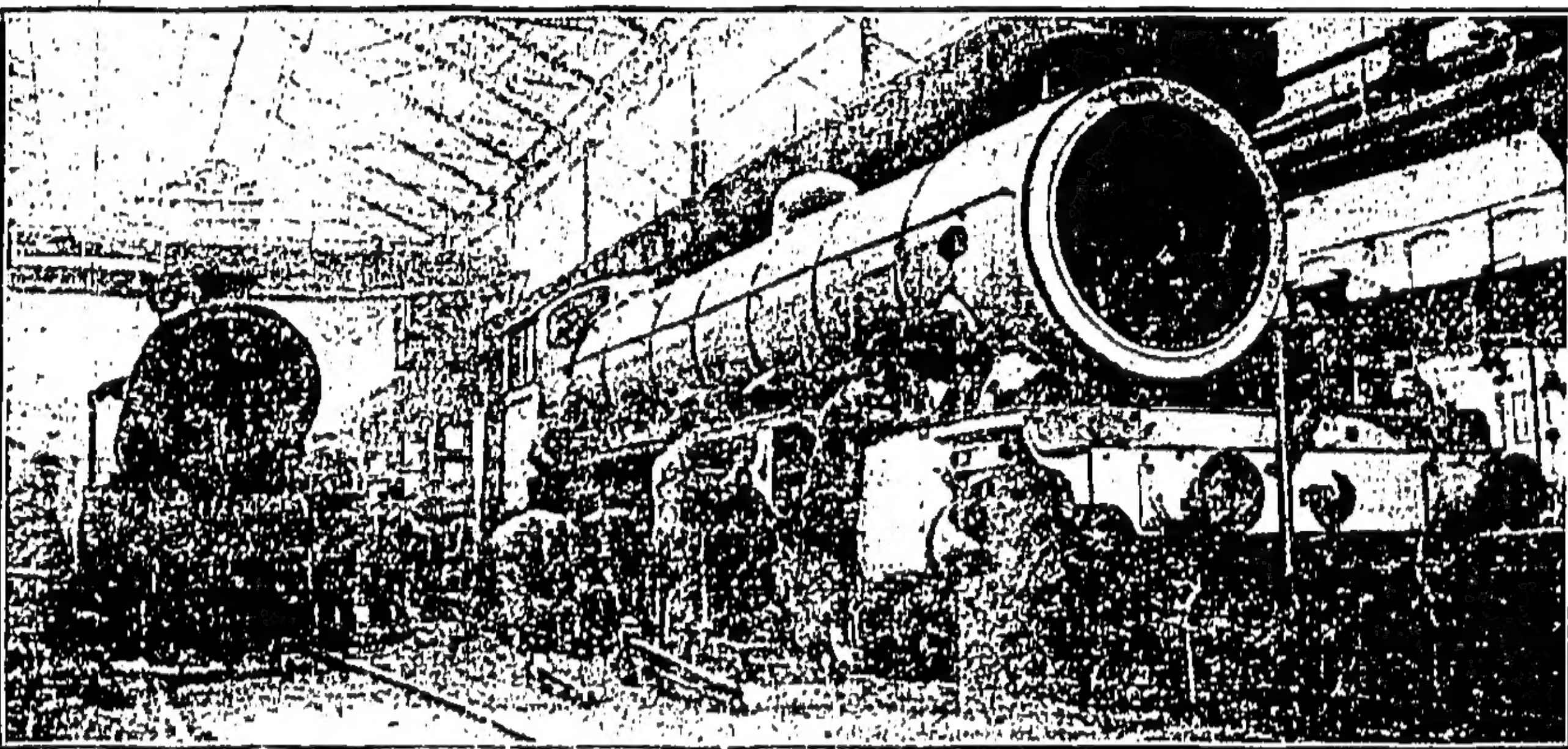


Photo shows the funeral service in Shanghai for the late Dr. T. Kawa ita, who died of injuries received in the Hongkew Park outrage. Cremation took place in the Japanese Cemetery in Chapei.



New Locomotives for the London and North Eastern Railway are now being constructed at the works at Doncaster. Work in progress on two locomotives designed for heavy mineral traffic.—(Times copyright).



Our picture shows Mrs. C. A. Breeds' Old English Sheepdog, Downbury Vesper, a prize winner at the Kensington Dog Show.—(Times copyright).



Our picture shows Mrs. Edith Baker's Shetland Sheepdog, Nulkin of Houghton Hill, a prize winning dog at the Kensington Dog Show held at the Crystal Palace.—(Times copyright).

The time-a-dance girl

BY JOAN
CLAYTON

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Ellen Rowley, beautiful 20-year-old, falls in love with Larry Harrowgate, young artist, whom she meets at "Dreadnought" where she works as a dance hall hostess. Larry is engaged to Elizabeth Jones, a debutante, but shows attention to Ellen until his fiancée returns from Europe.

From a sense of gratitude Ellen agrees to marry Steven Barclay, a kind and wealthy man of 37 who has paid hospital expenses for her brother, Mike, injured in a street accident. He also finds a job for her at Armistead, married to Ellen's sister, Myra.

Barclay has been married and divorced. Scandal accompanied his divorce from Leda Grayson, a dancer, and, fearing this talk may be revived, he and Ellen agree to keep their marriage secret until after they sail for Europe.

Barclay wishes to settle a fortune on Ellen. They go to the offices of Symes and Pendergast, Barclay's attorneys, but the papers are not ready and Ellen refuses to wait, saying that she can be signed after the ceremony.

On the wedding morning Ellen feels she can not go through with the ceremony. Myra persuades her that she must. The two couples drive to a small Connecticut town where the marriage is to take place. Barclay is aware of Ellen's fears, asks her if she wishes to postpone the marriage.

CHAPTER XXXV

Ellen was overwhelmed with relief. Steven's question struck the chains from her very spirit. To postpone this marriage, to defer it until Steven's return from London—that would give her five blessed weeks in which to conquer her problem. She need not go ahead. The man who loved her had himself set her free.

Then she looked at Steven and saw in his eyes the despair he could not hide. She knew she could not take advantage of such quixotic generosity. She understood Steven had made the offer because he was the person he was, understood that she must refuse it because she was the person she was. She saw Steven again as a beloved friend. He was not a stranger whom she could hurt.

"Why postpone it?" she demanded courageously.

"I thought you might like to, my dear."

"I wouldn't," she told him on a note of high courage. "I want to be married to-day with Myra. That's what we came for."

And Barclay was content.

They were married in a tiny white painted church with green

leafy branches rustling against the windows and letting through spots of sunshine that speckled the red carpet. The minister's wife cut flowers from her garden for the altar and played "Oh Promise Me" at the organ just before the ceremony.

The minister's wife was a romantic soul. She did not dream that the last note of the song made Ellen think of an ocean liner's whistle and of the final warning, "All ashore that's going ashore." She did not guess that as the organ wheezed to silence and Ellen fought down the sheer panic that made her want to rush from the church and the pale, beautiful bride was thinking it was too late now to go ashore. The gangplank was raised.

Then as the minister began to speak Ellen saw Steven's adoring eyes smiling into hers and was afraid no longer. How could she be afraid of one who loved her so? Her response was clear and steady. She heard Steven's voice. Then there was a frosty circle of platinum and diamonds on her finger, and Steven bent to kiss her. The minister smiled his congratulations and Ellen heard Molly sob. It was over. She was Mrs. Steven Barclay.

Steven called her that first and left the Rev. Mr. Southey disappointed. Molly rushed up to kiss her and to kiss her new son. Myra who had become a bride five minutes earlier was kissing them both and comparing her ring with Ellen's while Bert, a little in the background, looked shyly on and thought his own bride the most beautiful girl in the world.

Ellen, still in a world of unreality, was resolving to be the best wife in the world to Steven. She accepted the arm he offered, clung to it and looked up confidently at her husband, her eyes luminous and solemn as a child's eyes. Together they walked out into the sunshine.

There was rice after all—a small white painted church with green

bag of it hung by Mrs. Southey

from the steps of the church. The spell of solemnity disappeared in a burst of hysterical laughter. Refreshments had been prepared in the parsonage, a tiny, white house in the shadow of the church, but the wedding party was too hurried to stop, much to Mrs. Southey's disappointment. She stood on the sidewalk, shaded by a great oak tree, and waved until the big car was out of sight.

They had scarcely been gone a quarter of an hour before Louis Symes, Barclay's lawyer, leaped from a roadster that had come roaring down the highway, frantically rang the parsonage door bell and demanded to see Steven at once. Mrs. Southey, in a fever of interest and excitement, told him the marriage had all ready taken place. No, she did not know where the bride and bridegroom were bound. She thought perhaps—

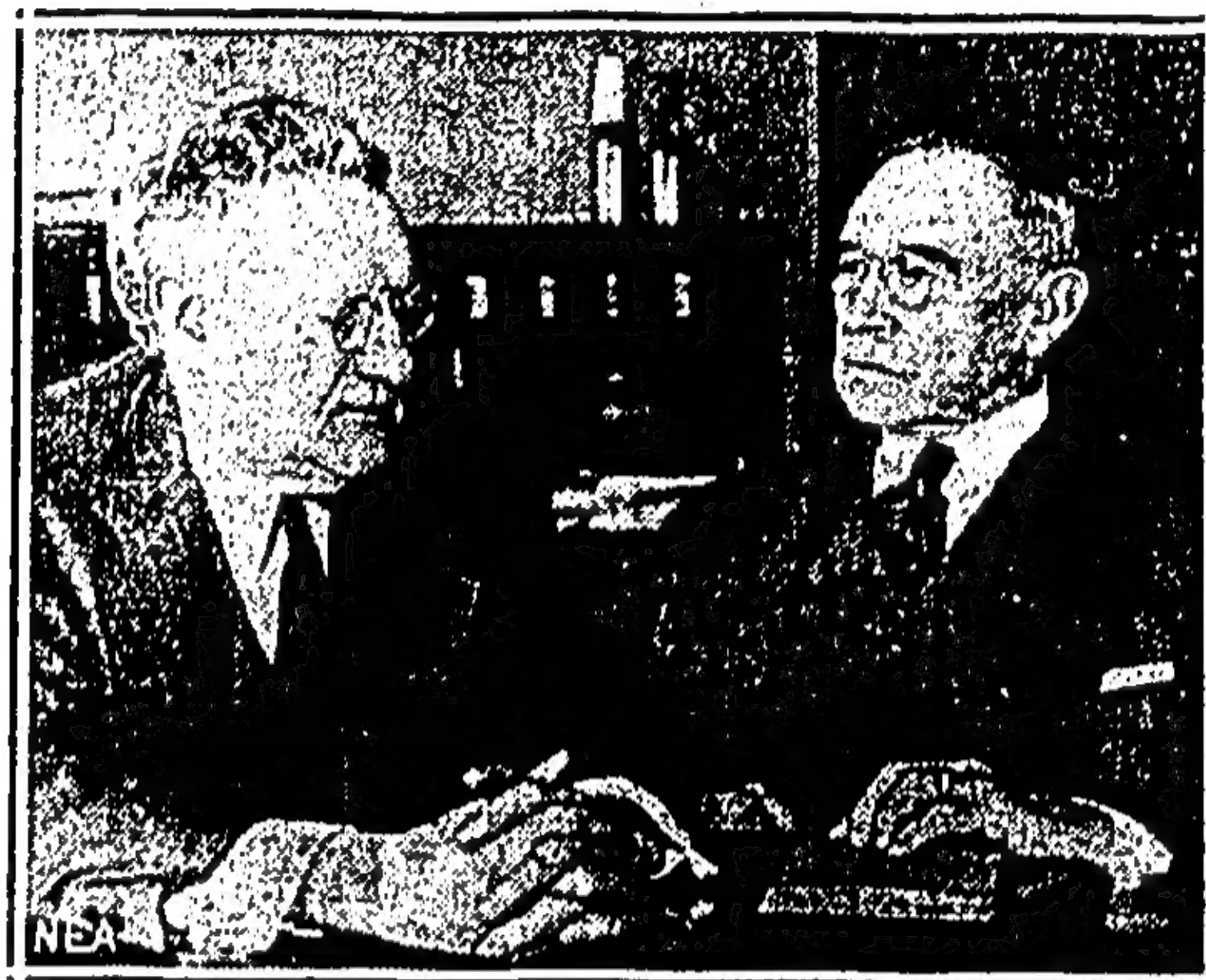
"Let me see your husband," Symes cut her short.

Almost before she had pointed out her husband's study, Symes was striding across the room, knocked on the door and was inside. Within five minutes the study door burst open again. The lawyer raced from the house and down the shady sidewalk to his car. The Rev. Mr. Southey came from his study and paced the floor, a sign that he was deeply agitated. He did not respond to Mrs. Southey's anxious questions. He only told her that they both must hope Mr. Symes could locate his client.

A few hours later while Symes was scouring New York for them, Ellen and Steven made their last



Some of the early arrivals, standing in line to be admitted to the small spectators' section at the "vengeance murder" trial in Honolulu. Admission was by card.



Newcomers to the ranks of American Senators who favour a vote on the dry law are Senators James E. Watson (left), of Indiana and Henry W. Keyes (right) of New Hampshire. The two legislators are shown here after they, together with 22 colleagues, had signed a petition asking for an opportunity to vote in the Senate on the question of repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment.



Cheering and booing were about equally divided when this throng of students assembled on the steps of the Columbia University Library to listen to protests against the recent expulsion of Reed Harris, crusading editor of the Columbia Spectator, the undergraduate daily. While a special student committee organized a one-day strike, the undergraduate governing body passed a resolution approving the action of Dean Herbert E. Hawkes in dismissing the editor whose charges of "semi-professionalism" in Columbia athletics brought him to national attention.

visit to Mike at the hospital. The boy was excited and nervous because of the crowd in his room. He did not know whether to laugh, cry or be cross. When Ellen attempted to take him into her arms, Mike wriggled free to demand if she would bring him something from London.

Ellen assured him she would. But she felt the familiar pang the child had been so adept at causing lately. Just then he did something with the peculiar gracefulness of childhood which made her forget. Mike stretched out one brown little paw and grabbed Steven's cuff.

"I'm awful glad Ellen married you," he announced frankly. "I like you."

They all laughed. Myra demanded to know if he were not glad she had married Bert. In a fit of shyness Mike refused to answer. Ellen had been made proud and happy, and despite Mike's protests, she gathered his head into her arms and gave him one of their old bear hugs. She did not know just why she should feel so grateful to him.

There were tearful goodbyes on the hospital steps and one horrible moment when Ellen felt she could not leave Myra and Molly and almost said so. Then the next minute she and Steven were in the car. There was no chauffeur now. "I wanted to be alone with you," Steven said as they whirled away. They were driving to his country home—now her home, too—a great house on Long Island that had been put in order and

just for that night. It was not so many miles from Manhattan, just a pleasant drive through the still, breathless evening. When they were clear of traffic and on the long, silver road Steven pulled her close to him. She dropped her head to his shoulder.

Strange that she had never before thought of Steven driving a car. She felt safe and secure as she watched his hands, steady at the wheel. Would life with him be always safe?

Suddenly she knew that she was hungry.

"We're almost there now," Barclay told her, almost as if he read her thoughts. "The place isn't staffed—just the butler. But he'll have food for us. I don't believe you've eaten to-day?"

"I haven't," she admitted. "I'm awfully hungry."

"We'd have eaten in town if I'd only thought! But I was so anxious for you to see the place that is to be our home, Ellen."

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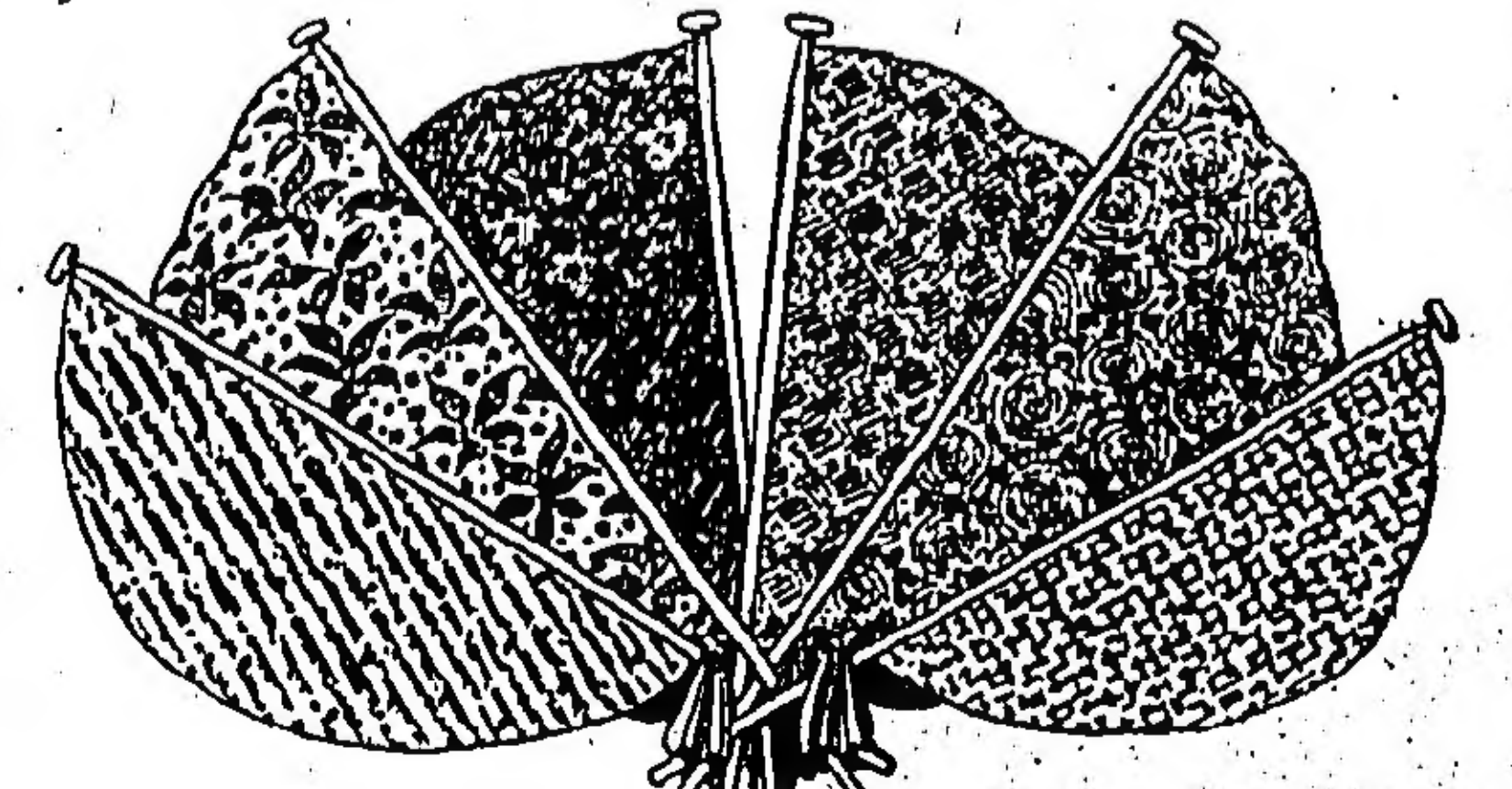
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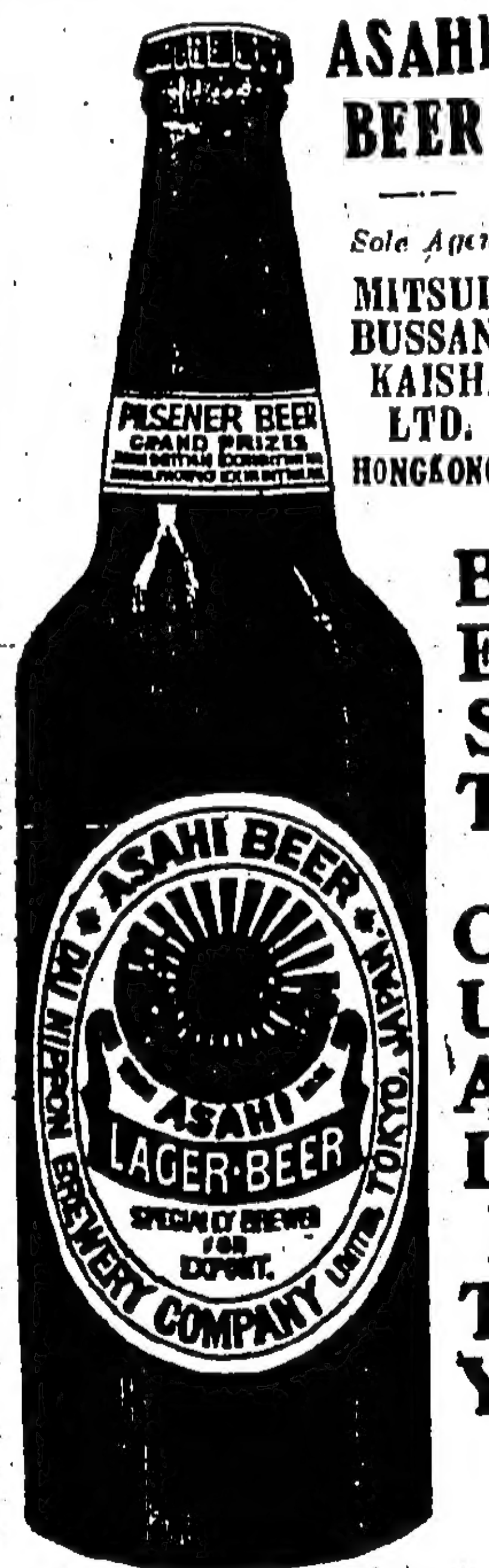
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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, immediately after the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, which takes place on Friday, the 27th May, 1932, at 11.15 a.m. when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed:—

That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$1,600,000 being part of the undivided profit of the Company standing to the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund and for that purpose—

- Should the Hong Kong Dollar equivalent of the Extra Reserve Fund on the 13th June, 1932, be not of the value of \$1,600,000 then there shall be transferred from the Re-insurance Fund to the Extra Reserve Fund such a sum as will with the amount now standing to the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund make up the sum of \$1,600,000.
- A call of \$80 per share is hereby made on the shareholders of the Company appearing on the Register of shareholders on the 27th May, 1932, and such call shall be payable on the 13th June, 1932, to the General Manager at the Registered Office of the Company.
- That for the purpose of paying the aforesaid call of \$80 per share a special dividend of \$80 per share is hereby declared payable on the 13th June, 1932, and that such special dividend be applied on behalf of the shareholders by the Directors in satisfaction of the call of \$80 per share.

Dated this 11th day of May, 1932.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 19th May 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1931. The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 5th to the 19th May, 1932, both days inclusive.

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6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department, Hongkong, 18th May, 1932.

G. R. NOTICE.

It is hereby notified for the information of the Public that the Police Station for Wanchai District, will be transferred from its present site at the Junction of Wanchai and Johnston Roads to the New Site at No. 123 Gloucester Road, between Fleming and Stewart Roads as from noon on Thursday 19th inst.

T. H. KING,
Inspector General of Police.
17th May, 1932.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 28th May, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, 19th May, 1932.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Act. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Monday, 30th May, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue. By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
Act. Secretary.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LTD.

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NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of section 187 (2) of the Companies Ordinance 1911 a General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 18th May, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose provided for in the said section.

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NOTICE.

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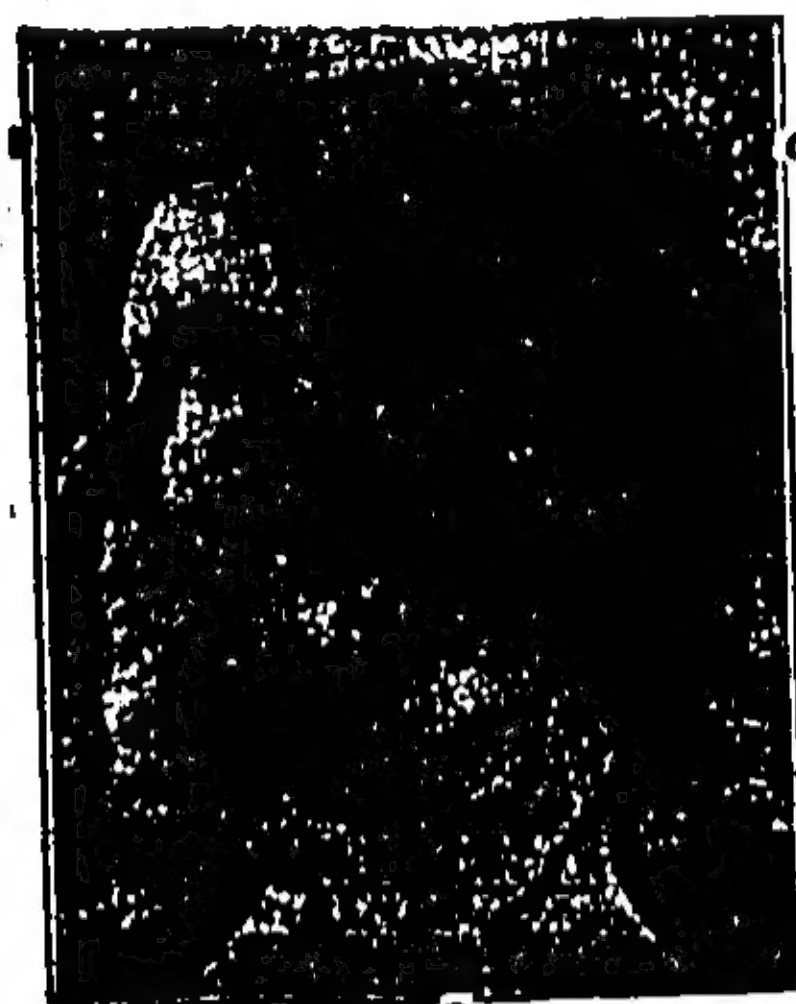
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ITEMS FROM THE REPORT FOR LAST YEAR

Mr. T. F. Claxton, lately Director of the local Observatory, signs the report for 1931, just issued.

It is recorded that the following were the principal features of the weather in 1931.

Typhoons passing near the Observatory on August 1, August 17 and September 2, respectively.

Barometer abnormally high in July and abnormally low in August.

Rain to the extent of 3.48 inches on December 9, the middle of the dry season.

Wind velocity abnormally low in July, abnormally high in August, and steadily above normal from March to June.

The total rainfall for the year was 80.39 inches as against 96.08 inches in 1930 and 85.50 inches for the past 48 years. The greatest fall in one civil day was 3.58 inches on December 9, as against 7.96 inches in 1930 and 21.02 inches for the past 48 years. The greatest fall in one hour was 2.55 inches at 9 p.m. on April 19, as against 2.36 inches in 1930 and 3.56 inches for the past 48 years.

The railway embankment at Shatin was washed away by floods on April 20.

Typhoon Warnings.
The tracks of 19 typhoons which occurred in the Far East during the year 1931 are given in the Monthly Meteorological Bulletin for December.

A typhoon passing about 30 miles to the S.W. of Hongkong, on August 1, produced a gust velocity at the Observatory of 135 m.p.h. from E.N.E. at 11h. 47m.

On October 28 the Director of the Weather Bureau of the Dutch East Indies announced that a wireless station had been erected at Tarempa, in the S. China Sea and that meteorological observations from this station would be sent to Hongkong in due course. This service has been instituted at the request of the Hongkong Government in connexion with the supply of weather forecasts to aviators. No observations have yet been received.

Mr. Claxton adds—I am informed that observers are being trained at Shanghai for a proposed meteorological reporting station on the Paracels; but no details as regards installation or date of opening such a station are to hand.

The Meteorological Authorities at Pratas continue to send, daily, with commendable regularity and promptitude, their 0300, 0600, 0900 and 2200 G.M.T. observations and the 2200 observations from some Philippine stations. They also send hourly observations during the passage of a typhoon.

The number of British ships sending radio weather messages increased from 1,929 in 1930 to 2,271 in 1931. The number of ships of other nationalities increased from 695 to 829.

Other Items.
It is expected that a supply of alternating current from the mains of the China Light & Power Co. will be available about the middle of 1932. With this power it is hoped to keep the temperature of the recording room nearly constant. The time drift of both instruments can then be accurately determined.

An earthquake shock was felt at Hongkong on September 21. No damage occurred. The origin was about 60 miles to the east of Hongkong.

The Postmaster General was unable to accede to a request that watch should be kept for the experimental short wave emission from Paris on July 11, 18 and 28.

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BOMBAY CRISIS

CURFEW ORDERED TO QUELL RIOTS.

Bombay, May 17. Since the welter of bloodshed began in Bombay on Saturday, 72 people have been killed and more than 800 injured.

The introduction of the curfew order is one of the many drastic measures taken to rescue the city from the orgy of communal rioting under which the population has been cowering for four days.

British troops are gradually restoring confidence.

The welter of bloodshed and looting coincides with the opening of Moslem festival of Moharrum although the slaughter continued this morning, the presence of British troops is gradually restoring confidence. The situation is easier and in addition the curfew order has consigned innumerable to their houses between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Assemblies of more than five people are prohibited.

The Governor, Major-Gen. Sir Frederick Sykes, after conferring with the Commissioners of Police, drove through the disturbed areas of the city this afternoon. The streets to-day were curiously deserted.

Big Death Roll.

The casualties resulting from the communal rioting so far are 72 dead and over 800 injured. The introduction of the curfew order is among the drastic measures taken to rescue the city from the orgy of rioting between Hindus and Moslems, under which

the population has been cowering for the last four days. A similar outbreak occurred in Calcutta, where the police fired on the mob.

Seven were killed and 50 injured up to noon to-day. The rioting has spread to the mill area, and 30 mills were closed for the day. Forty thousand workers are idle.

Origin of Clashes.

London, May 17. The rioting apparently originated, as is often the case, with these communal disturbances, in a quite trivial incident. On this occasion a few Moslem boys were involved in a quarrel with a Hindu shopkeeper. Blows were exchanged and in a little time a large area of the city flared into a bitter outbreak of racial and religious hate.

British troops had to be called out to reinforce the police and drastic steps were taken to disperse the mobs, while fire brigades have been continuously engaged to prevent the spread of frequent incendiary fires.

The Governor, Sir Frederick Sykes, who went on leave on Saturday, returned by air to deal with the situation and more troops have been sent from Poona.

In the Fort area and other parts mostly frequented by Europeans, conditions are quite quiet, but reports state that, especially in the mill area, the situation was again serious to-day when bonfires of looted cloth were burned in the streets where further casualties occurred.—British Wireless.

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Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru	May 19.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 30th April)	Chitral	May 20.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 30th April)	Pres. Madison	May 20.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	May 22.
Calcutta & Straits	Suisang	May 22.
Manila	Pres. Grant	May 23.
Saigon	D'Artagnan	May 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	May 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	May 27.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	May 27.
Japan	Kitano Maru	May 27.
Canada, U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C., 7th May)	Emp. of Canada	May 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Tatsuta Maru	May 28.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco, 29th April)	Pres. Van Buren	May 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Hiye Maru	May 29.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., May 18, 8.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed., May 18, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Naldors	Thurs., May 19, 18h 5 p.m.
	Reg.	18h 5 p.m.
	Letters	18h 5 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Dell Maru	Thurs., May 19, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Gremer	Thurs., May 19, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., May 19, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Empress of Asia	Fri., May 20, 10h 5 p.m.
	Parcels	10h 5 p.m.
	Reg.	20h 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	20h 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B. C., 10th June).	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Taiyang	Fri., May 20, 19h 5 p.m.
	Reg.	19h 5 p.m.
	Letters	20h 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island, 8th May).	
Japan	Atsuta Maru	Fri., May 20, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Fri., May 20, 1 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., May 20, 2.30 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Klungchow	Fri., May 20, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Chitral	Sat., May 21, 10 a.m.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	20h 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	21st 9 a.m.
	Letters	21st 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	20h 5 p.m.
	Reg.	21st 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	21st 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 17th June).	
Japan and *South American Ports	Helyo Maru	Sat., May 21, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yuensang	Sat., May 21, Noon.
	Parcels	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Amoy	Kaying	Sat., May 21, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Anshun	Sun., May 22, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., May 22, 9 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and *South American Ports	Montevideo Maru	Mon., May 23, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	D'Artagnan	Mon., May 23, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., *Central and *South America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C.	Hika	Tues., May 24, 10 a.m.
	Reg.	24th 5 p.m.
	Letters	24th 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B. C., 18th June).	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Tues., May 24, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels	24th 5 p.m.
	Reg.	24th 10.30 a.m.
	Letters	24th 10.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco, 14th June).	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Chenonceaux	Tues., May 24, 10 a.m.
	K. P. O.	
	Reg.	24th 10 a.m.
	Letters	24th 11 a.m.
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	Reg.	24th 11.15 a.m.
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES

Miss Jean Collin's first London appearance was in Archie de Bear's revue, "Many Happy Returns," at the Duke of York's Theatre. She was originally engaged for the chorus and a small part, but later was given a larger part without chorus work.

Her next role was that of Beauty in "Beauty and the Beast," at the Lyceum Theatre.

Miss Collin who plays opposite Bobby Howe in "Lord Dunsany," now at the Queen's, won the coveted role of the "Five o'clock Girl," and it was her performance in this show caused the press to acclaim her as a rapidly rising new star. Then followed leading parts in "Here Comes the Bride" at the Piccadilly and Lyceum Theatres, "Blue Bird," at the Gaiety Theatre and "La Poupée" and "Sun Toy" at Daly's.

Miss Collin, who is an attractive blonde, was starred by B.I.P. in their picture "Comprising Daphne."

"Hindle Wakes."

"They're a poor lot down South; they don't make anything in them parts," says one of the characters in "Hindle Wakes," a film by Lancashire in the raw. Perhaps this is the reason that Lancashire's intense industrialism so often furnishes the background for films.

Anyway, however that may be, all Lancashire, and for that matter the rest of the Kingdom, has been intensely interested in this talking version of Stanley Houghton's play, with its clever story of a mill girl's reactions to parental efforts to make her a "good woman" after an illicit weekend with her lover.

A brilliant scene of mill life, with its hum of looms, its hoot of the air and its clatter of clags, alternate with hectic scenes of Wakes week revelry in Lancashire's playground, Blackpool. A really brilliant cast enact the various roles. Spill Thorndike, Norman McKinnel, Edmund Gwenn, John Stuart, but by no means least, Belle Chrystall, a new star in the film firmament, who has the role of Jenny Hawthorn.

"Hindle Wakes" is coming to the King's Theatre very soon.

"To Oblige a Lady."

"To Oblige a Lady" an all-British picture which is coming to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre has an exceptionally strong cast. Missie Gay has the leading role as Mrs. Harris and sings the song specially written for her by Noel Coward, "What Love Means to Girls Like Me." She is amusingly supported by highly effective performers including Warwick Ward, Mary Newland, Haddon Mason, Gladys Jennings and James Carewe.

The story was written by that prolific popular author, Edgar Wallace. Novelty of conception, hilariously funny situations, excellent acting by the whole of the fine cast and sparkling dialogue are only a few of the points of this attractive talkie.

"Sunshine Susie."

Here is a little cameo from the Film Weekly of Renate Muller, who makes you forget every one of your cares in the Gaietyborough musical comedy "Sunshine Susie" which by special request is to be re-screened at the King's Theatre next Friday for two days only. Says the writer:

"She is fair, not very tall, with blue, good-humoured eyes. The secret of her personality is that she shares Mary Pickford's gift of radiating happiness. Indeed, the best way of describing Renate is to say that she is like what Mary Pickford would have been if Mary had been born in Munich in 1906 (as Renate was) instead of in Toronto in 1893.

"Renate has the rare and precious gift of making you feel that the world is a good place to live in. Her producers realised this, or apparently they did, for they brought her pictures to the West End the week after the new Income Tax assessments were delivered.

"So it is this little German girl who has helped to keep London happy in difficult financial circumstances!"

"Over the Hill."

Persistent rumours filtering in from Hollywood prepared somewhat for "Over the Hill," Fox special, which is now showing at the King's Theatre. But no rumour could possibly have prepared us for the stupendous human greatness that has been captured for the screen.

"Over the Hill" is, beyond doubt, far and away the finest human drama since the advent of talkies. A complete modernized version of a classic of American poetry, it runs like music across the heartstrings. A cross-section of a growing family, it is overflowing with the full flavour of life—drama, comedy and pathos in a perfect harmony of the human heart.

James Dunn and Sally Eilers, who, we had thought, hit the top in "Bad

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

ADDRESS TO ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS

Friday, May 6.—The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., attended a meeting of Executive Council, and took the prescribed oath as an Officer Administering the Government before His Honour Mr. Justice Wood before Saturday, May 7.—Commodore A. H. Walker, O.B.E., accompanied by Captain G. H. Knowles, R.N., and attended by Paymaster Commander W. K. O. Grace, R.N., called on His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at Government House.

Brigadier R. B. Cousins, D.S.O., attended by Lieutenant J. Baskerville-Glegg, the Greys, called on His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at Government House. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, attended by Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., returned the call of Commodore Walker in H.M.S. "Tamar," and of Brigadier Cousins at Flagstaff House.

Sunday, May 8.—Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., called on Mr. Dufauré de la Prade, Consul-General for France, to express the sympathy of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and of the Colony of Hongkong, on the death of M. Dumortier, President of the French Republic.

Monday, May 9.—Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., represented His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at the funeral of Mr. Tang Chi-nong.

Tuesday, May 10.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, presided at a meeting of Executive Council. Vice-Admiral Herr, Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, called at Government House.

Wednesday, May 11.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, attended by Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., returned the call of Vice-Admiral Herr in the French cruiser, Waldeck-Rousseau.

Thursday, May 12.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, attended by Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., and Mr. J. Harrow, Private Secretary, attended the Memorial Service for M. Dumortier, late President of the French Republic, in St. Joseph's Church.

Friday, May 13.—M. and Mme. Dufauré de la Prade paid a farewell call to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southern.

Saturday, May 14.—M. de Soulanges-Tessier, Consul for France, called at Government House.



The girl who is green-eyed with jealousy often becomes red-eyed with weeping.

"Girl," give a performance as the young lovers in this picture that will stand as a goal for a long time to come. Dunn has something close to genius in his ability to make us feel what a young man is up against in life to-day. And Miss Eilers is a team-mate worthy of him in every respect.

Perhaps most astounding of all, however, is the unbelievable performance given by Mae Marsh. Returning to the screen, which she left twelve years ago for motherhood, Miss Marsh opens the true depths of a mother's heart for all to see. She lives the throbbing heart of motherhood on the screen.

Henry King, one of the greatest directors of the screen, has given us a perfect blend of the comedy of his "Twenty-Three and a Half Hours' Leave," and the pathos of his "Stella Dallas." Especially deserving of credit also are James Kirkwood, Olin Howland, Eula Guy, Joan Peers and William Pawley. "Over the Hill" is a picture for everyone, a picture of your own heart and family—a picture that will be stored in memory for years to come.

CANCER SCOURGE

ADDRESS TO ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS

The ravages of cancer, its formation, growth and extension, were dealt with by Doctor J. H. Montgomery in a deeply interesting address which he gave to members of the Hongkong Rotary Club, at their meeting held yesterday under the chairmanship of Sir William Hornell.

The Chairman welcomed the following guests.—Mr. J. Y. Lum and Mr. W. Yinson Lee (Shanghai) and Doctor J. E. Dovey (Hongkong).

Doctor Montgomery first of all explained the physiology of the body in regard to eating, digestion and removal of waste products, and then went on to deal with tissue and cells, two terms used when discussing cancer.

After quoting statistics of cancer mortality for England and Wales, these having accurate records, he said that most authorities agreed, when all reasonable corrections had been made, that there still remained definite evidence of an actual increase in cancer mortality at some sites of the body and a diminution at others, and further, that the increase mainly concerned the later decades of life from 40 upwards. There was also, he said, definite evidence for believing that cancer mortality was increasing in men, but in women it had been stationary for some years past.

He gave examples to show that the disease was not contagious, while, as to its being hereditary, he stated that the factor was not improbable as there was some evidence to support such a claim, but it could be dismissed from one's mind without serious consequences.

The speaker went on to deal with his subject as a scientific conception, dealing with the abnormal multiplication of cells resulting in the formation of a tumour. Cancer, he said, was an excessive local multiplication of cells differing somewhat from the normal and not fulfilling the function of normal cells. Why these cells suddenly took on the abnormal power of multiplying and forming a tumour was not yet known.

How Growth Progresses.

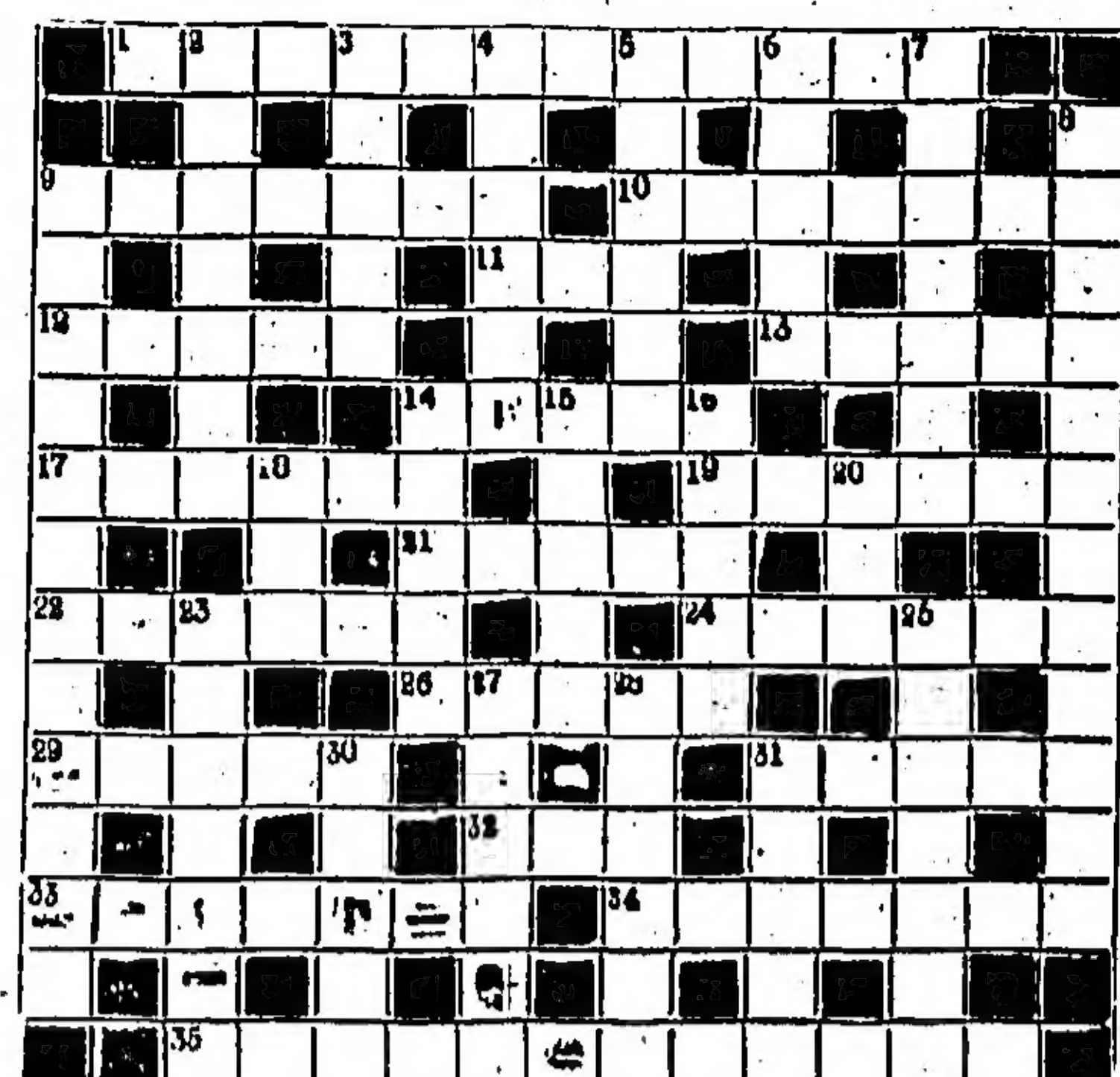
Doctor Montgomery went on to explain how a cancer would grow downwards and inwards, destroying anything that impeded its progress, including bone, and also showed how it spread, by the above method, by way of the lymphatics—tiny channels following largely the course of blood vessels—and by means of the blood stream.

He commented.—It is a sad fact, but nevertheless true, that here in Hongkong at least the majority of patients with cancer first seek medical advice when their disease has reached a stage at which nothing more than palliative treatment is possible. It is stated in home countries, where the cases are seen earlier, that about half the total number of those who ultimately die of cancer have only presented themselves for treatment when the disease is no longer local but has become general.

From such cases it is possible to obtain the natural course of untreated cancer. The tale is a sad one. It is common to hear that the patient had always enjoyed good health until a lump or ulcer, or discharge or other apparently trivial departure from the normal was noted. Now comes the most important point, for the patient almost always goes on to say that no particular notice was taken of the condition because it did not cause discomfort or pain.

It cannot be insisted on too often that cancer is usually painless in its early stages, nor can it be too frequently reiterated that the early stages of cancer are those at which adequate treatment is most likely to be successful. If cancer were, in its early stages, as painful as toothache, far fewer persons would die each year, because they would seek advice and treatment earlier than they do. Cancer sometimes runs its fatal course without subjecting its victim to any severe discomfort or pain. Some cases

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Across

- 1 In this word all the vowels follow in their correct order—though sparingly.
- 9 At any time (rather archaic).
- 10 One of these days this may be a useful pole (two words).
- 11 Cromwell placed considerable dependence on this weight.
- 12 C. was strangely attached to this spice and showed great affection to the end.
- 13 Cut short.
- 14 Now we can wash a deal of this Spanish dust away. There's a bodega in sight (hidden).
- 17 In the morning a French preposition looks quite up to date.
- 19 This Exchange has a maritime twang.
- 22 Moulding.
- 22 It is in a mess!
- 24 Unable (anag.).
- 25 This plant has small yellow flowers, but with a change of head they would be large, and not necessarily yellow.
- 28 Slaves.
- 31 Whether he rhymes with fool or foal, his horrid deeds may be seen by the owl.
- 32 Water—and not a drop to drink.
- 33 Well known and justly celebrated—including mine.
- 34 Descriptive of a water-beetle.
- 35 Although I'm without defect and I go on to the end, it is all that one can expect of poor, erring humanity.

Down

- 2 The time when the father of the man has great dreams.
- 3 In the little sand hill he makes a silly kind of titter.
- 4 German city.
- 5 Sin.
- 6 Arranges varieties.

- 7 No Lancastrian lover.
- 8 Provided with eight alds.
- 9 "Pol's chic dame," and very talented (anag.).
- 14 As a mark of disapproval not elegant—neither in the street nor elsewhere.
- 15 Beautiful, but not without a certain amount of bother.
- 16 Good wood—especially the heart portion.
- 18 Most of us do—too much.
- 19 An underhand matter.
- 23 King's Cross and Waterloo.
- 25 His mysteries form the subject of one of Mrs. Radcliffe's best-known novels.
- 27 The South wind, which we all know to be mild and balmy is, also, almost harsh.
- 28 The poor sailor is in a position where he will suffer extreme hunger.
- 30 "To a close-shorn — God gives wind by measure" (George Herbert, "Jucula Prudentum").
- 31 The entire range.

Yesterday's Solution.

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have been known in which the last illness consisted of so gradual a decline of physical powers that cancer was not even suspected until a post mortem examination revealed the truth.

More commonly the patient is weak and ill and usually loses weight. Frequently he is anemic because of small recurrent hemorrhages, or because the normal blood-forming tissues fail to carry out their function properly owing to the absorption of injurious substances from the cancerous mass. Very often the patient has an aspect of mental anxiety because of a natural dread of cancer, and a suspicion at the back of his mind that this is the cause of the trouble.

Various Forms.

After dealing with cancer of the tongue, mouth and throat, of the oesophagus or gullet, of the nasopharynx, of the stomach, of the womb, of the skin and of the bone, Doctor Montgomery concluded.—I will not enlarge on the question of untreated cancer at other sites of the body. Suffice it to say that almost any part of the body may be affected, though it is exceedingly rare in certain situations.

The picture of untreated cases is, at present, one unrelieved by any ray of hope. All forms of cancer, if untreated, lead in the end to death, and the few interlarding months usually imply much mental and physical suffering to the patient. There is, however, one

qualification to the above statement. Rarely, so rarely that the fact must never be held out as a hope to an unfortunate sufferer, a case of cancer has recovered completely without any form of medical or surgical treatment being applied. The chances of this happening are estimated at a million to one, and therefore it does not ever influence our treatment in any particular case.

We do not know how nature occasionally brings about this cure, but we believe that if we had sufficient such cases to study, we might be able to learn nature's secret as to how, very occasionally, she cures cancer, and we might then be able to go forward towards augmenting that inherent power by putting the patient in the condition in which his own bodily forces will be able to conquer and expel the invader.

The position, however, is far from hopeless. Modern methods of treatment, particularly surgical operations, treatment by radium and X-rays, have done much to eradicate or control the disease and, even more, to divert it of some of its full effects.

In thanking the speaker on behalf of the Club, Professor Gerrard said that until patients were taught by public means to go to the doctor when there were signs or suspicions of early cancer, he did not think our methods were likely to be a very great success.

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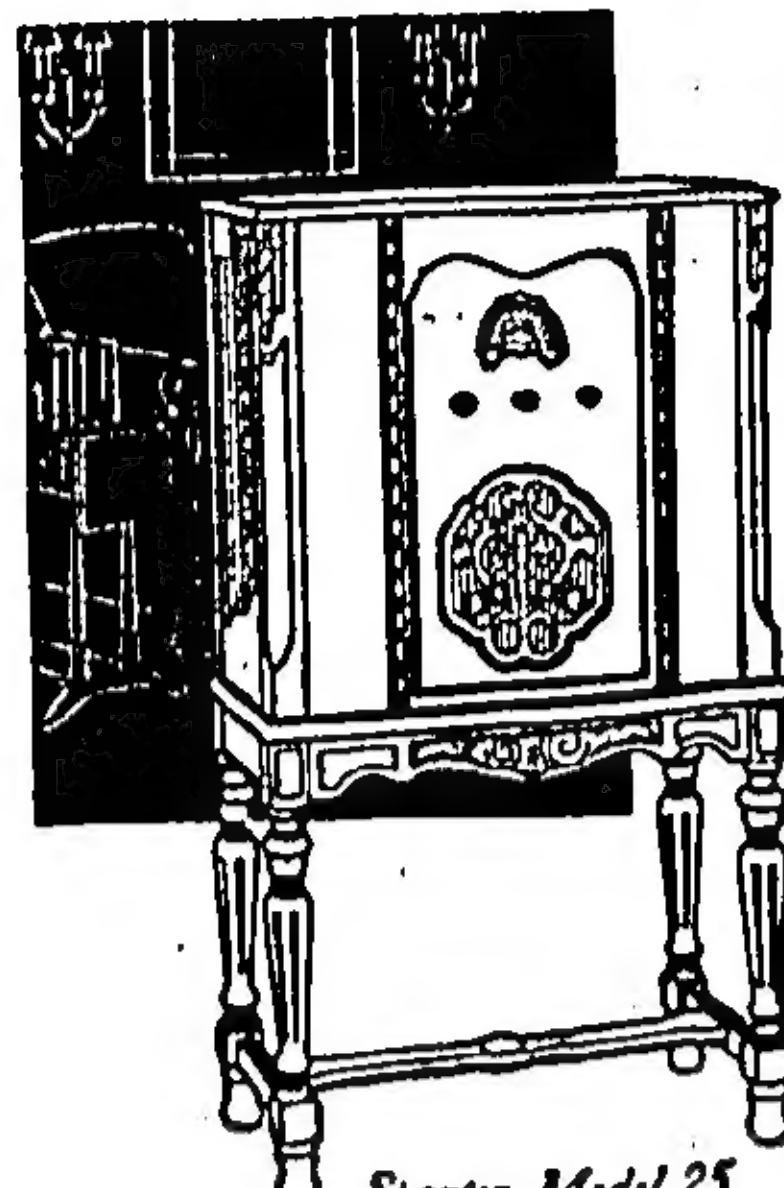
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GOOD YEAR FOR THE RAILWAY

Slowly but surely the Kowloon-Canton Railway is proving a useful source of revenue to the Colony. The report for 1931, now issued, reveals a year of steady progress. It was not so many years back that it seemed as if the railway were destined to become a burden rather than a source of profit. As recently as 1927, a loss was shown on the year's working, but since then there has been a steady upward trend on the right side. Last year showed the biggest profit of all, over \$160,000, and if we take the years from 1928 to 1931 inclusive, we find that close on four and a half lakhs of dollars have been brought in.

Gratifying as the situation is, it might easily have been even better but for the regrettable mishap caused by the cloud-burst in April which resulted in serious damage to the line, caused the loss of several lives and made it necessary to suspend all traffic for ten days. Until then, the railway had had a proud record, having carried no fewer than twenty-four million passengers without serious injury to anyone or loss of a passenger life. The interruption was all the more regrettable since during the whole of the year there had been no suspension of the express services on account of military or political activities—a welcome change from past times. There is evidence to be found in the statistics included in the annual report that more passengers are using the railway, one of the factors no doubt being the improvements which have been made by cutting down the time occupied in the

journey. There is also a marked improvement in the local goods receipts, which increased during the year by more than twenty-five per cent. On the other hand, the goods earnings on the combined lines show a drop of almost \$6,000 during the twelve months, the total being only just over \$31,000. As the report says, considering the vast amount of cargo moving between the two big cities, this is a very poor figure, and the lack of patronage is said to be a matter of serious concern to the Administrations of the two sections. There would appear to be still need of further improving the track of the Chinese section, and when this is done it is hoped that the journey to Canton may be done in three hours. When we recall the wearisome journeys of the past, it will be recognised that great improvements have already been effected in the service. This has been made possible, of course, by the happy co-operation between the British and Chinese sections, at no time more pronounced than to-day. On our part, that co-operation is evidenced by the fact that through express trains are still hauled by British section engines.

There is one other feature of last year's operations which gives cause for satisfaction, namely, that debits in respect of demurrage and hire of rolling stock for 1931 were accepted by the Administration of the Chinese section. Claims in respect of the years 1923-30 were, however, not accepted, with the result that the amount now due from the Chinese section is well over a million dollars. This is an old legacy, representing a problem which has, somehow, never yet been solved. It would be interesting to know in what light the Hongkong Government views the matter. If there is no prospect of ever getting this money—although according to the working agreement it is obviously due—then it would be better to wipe it out once and for all, rather than to go on year after year keeping the figure recurring in the accounts.

Reforming the House of Lords.

A meeting of the central council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations recently passed a resolution advocating a reform of the personnel of the House of Lords. This resolution crystallizes the desire of a certain section of British public opinion, which has not ceased to regret that the reconstitution of the Lords was the herald of a sunrise which never actually took place. The House of Lords already represents far more sections of the British people than is commonly supposed. The aristocratic element does indeed greatly preponderate in it. But there are Labour peers, and it contains members of almost every grade, including clergy, authors, civil servants, lawyers, journalists, business men. It is in one sense as representative as the House of Commons, though in a different way. It represents trades and professions instead of geographical areas. Its defects as a representative assembly could be easily removed, either by a restriction of the hereditary element or by a strengthening of the democratic section of the House. The central council also proposed that the powers of the second chamber should be increased by making it necessary that a non-money bill, passed by the Commons, but rejected by the Lords, should be presented in two successive parliaments, instead of, as at present, in two successive sessions of the same Parliament, before becoming law. This would insure that no bill opposed by the Lords could become law until the people had been consulted at the general election. An obvious objection to this suggestion is that it would lead to further delay legislation. Moreover, the same purpose could be achieved by the institution of the referendum. Such an amendment in the Constitution might also be construed as an attempt to hamper the Labour Party whenever it may return to office, and this in itself might urge the Labour Party to those very excesses of policy which it is a main object of the proposal to avoid. But perhaps these are only academic considerations, for so long as the Crown, that is, the Prime Minister, can create peers at will, the preponderating party

DAY BY DAY

RIDICULE IS INDEED A FACULTY MUCH PRIZED BY ITS POSSESSORS; YET INTRINSICALLY IT IS A SMALL FACULTY; WE MAY SAY, THE SMALLEST OF ALL FACULTIES THAT OTHER MEN ARE AT PAINS TO PAY WITH ANY ESTEEM.—*Carlyle.*

Mr. H. L. Schultz arrived here from Manila by the s.s. Empress of Asia.

Four cases of small-pox and two of meningitis were notified to the health authorities yesterday.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., advertise that Mr. T. R. MacDonald will act as Manager of the Insurance Department during the absence of Mr. F. C. Hall.

Mrs. Hazell, wife of Mr. Denis H. Hazell, the well-known tennis player, is arriving in Hongkong together with their little daughter on board the s.s. Naldora to-day, after a stay in the Home country of two years.

Yesterday being the Norwegian national day, all Norwegian vessels in port were bedecked with flags to commemorate the occasion. Celebrations by the Norwegian community in Hongkong were all of a private nature.

Last week's health return shows nine cases of small-pox (six fatal), five of diphtheria (one fatal), two fatal cases of meningitis, and two non-fatal cases of typhoid. There were also 67 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Shanghai by the s.s. Philoctetes were H.E. the G.O.C., Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and his A.D.C., Captain D. R. Cameron, on return from an inspection tour in the North.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penfrenth and Co.

London Terminals.

August 1932 4/9 no change.
December 1932 5/1 1/4 up 1/4d.
March 1933 5/4 1/4 up 1/4d.
May 1933 5/5 1/2 up 1/4d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking 1/4d-1/2d. more.

New York Terminals.

Spot .68 no change.
July 1932 .62 up 2 pts.
September 1932 .68 up 2 pts.
December 1932 .76 up 1 pt.
March 1933 .81 up 1 pt.

In the House of Commons can invariably compel the Lords to consent to anything, however revolutionary, that it really is determined shall pass into law. Britain's safeguard against revolution is not refinement of the Constitution, but the good sense of the British people.

HONG KONG HOMOS ON OUR SOCIAL LIFE THE HALCYON HADES

NO 1.—THE SINGLE MAN.

The newcomer to Hongkong may walk into any book-seller's shop and procure all the informative literature he can absorb on the Colony's topography, its flora and fauna, the history of the place, customs and characteristics peculiar to the Orientals with whom he will come in contact—all subjects of genuine local interest but comparatively inconsequential in their application to every-day life. The one really important study that all are called upon to take up during their sojourn here is the idiosyncrasies of the social life of our little community, for which unfortunately we have no instructional media but that of hard-earned and very often bitter experience.

There is no gainsaying that social conditions out here are vastly different from those obtaining at Home and very few people of either sex manage to achieve immunity from the pernicious, demoralising influence that life east of Suez exerts upon Western character. How after does one hear folks on their return from leave confess to diminished interest in relatives, friends, and conditions generally at Home. The reception back there had left nothing to be desired but after a month or so things had become somewhat difficult—an apparent lack of common interests and sympathies—an inexplicable incompatibility of outlook on life.

The Colonial is apt to attribute the change to one mind having been broadened by travel while the other was simply vegetating, but viewing sights denied to one's fellows by no means, in itself, justifies any claim to intellectual superiority. Broadmindedness makes itself apparent through toleration and understanding and while the hills and lanes of Scotland are evolving a Burns, another man may be travelling the seven seas and five continents with as little chance of intellectual improvement as a ship's cat.

A more probable explanation for this inability to mix at Home is "that never-falling vice of fools." Most of us come out here to salaries and personal service far beyond what we were accustomed to in the Old Country and like the beggar on his horse, we lose all sense of proportion and ride to extremes of absurdity. "Oh, was some power the gift to see ourselves as others see us, it wad from many a blunder free us And foolish notion." To the unbiased observer, the resident going on leave presents a personality entirely different from that of the man who first sets foot on Eastern shores. And yet the individual can scarcely be blamed for his degeneracy. Only a paragon withstands the insidious influence of a noxious environment and a superior complex is so easily acquired when positive suggestion comes from outside.

The least and perhaps the most we can do towards mitigation of these deplorable Eastern mental epidemics is of a preventive nature—inoculation of new arrivals.

The young "commercial assistant" arrives in Hongkong imbued with the traditional pioneering spirit of his trail-blazing ancestry, fully resolved upon registering his mark in local industrial history by hard-work, enterprise and frugality—doing something really worth-while with his life.

He is impregnated with the glamour of the East and his heart swells to an initial thrill of achievement as his foot first falls upon the far-off foreign soil—the land of the legendary pig-tail, intriguing impassivity and imponderable mystery. First impressions of the Colony transcend expectation and the week following his arrival is replete with the excitement of exploration.

The novelty of his new surroundings soon wears through, however, and a few days' submission to the condescending, impatient patronage of supercilious office colleagues leaves him somewhat abashed and despondent after the convivial friendliness of the cosmopolitan ship-board crowd. Everybody here seems to be irrevocably glued to some small, ultra-exclusive social clique in which there is apparently no room whatever for the immature, uninitiated new-comer and the unutterable loneliness of the desolate, inhospitable hotel room sends his thoughts wistfully back to the congenial home-life of the Old Country.

His self-esteem has been subjected to unanticipated laceration by this failure to form immediate friendship—this incomprehensible intolerance of his novices—and after a few weeks of solitude and critical introspection, he begins to lose confidence in the merits of his former aspirations. Gradually but inevitably he gravitates towards the Colony's club-life, finds a precarious niche in a coterie of youthful blasé rousers and ultimately strikes out in deliberate emulation of these stagnant brained, degenerate habits in the notorious drinking, gambling and woman-hunting exploits.

Occasionally he looks back and reflects upon what might have been. At times he may even endeavour to fight his way free from the tentacles of the vitiated rabble but what other attractions or interests does the Colony hold out to him? The church's beneficent influence has long been defunct through sheer stagnation and apathy—defiance of the universal, incontrovertible law of alternative evolution or extinction—and even the sports-ground invigorates him into the profligacy of an imbibing fraternity. So he just drifts with the polluted tide—resolutions undermined, work neglected, debt accumulations—ignored, health considerations flagrantly disregarded—unrelentingly degenerating into one of the world's worst wasters.

And the sex question naturally appears in the picture. Should he happen to be abnormally attractive to the womenfolk, he runs his drink-soaked head into the unwholesome, nerve-racking intricacies of marital triangles, lost by this time, to all sense of moral decency—unscrupulously wrecking the lives and happiness of others in his mad stampede for sordid sensation. Or Nature may not have endowed him too generously in the "sex appeal" line so he drifts with the boys till closing time, drifts like a dismasted, rudderless derelict into disreputable, post-midnight resorts.

The last scene of all that ends this ignoble, eventful history finds him destitute of ambition, moral integrity or self respect, losing his job for insobriety and debt to wake up in Tilbury Dock a sadder and a wiser man.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Water Suggestion.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I wonder whether it is medically safe to make use of the sea water off the Praya at Wan-chai and in the Central District for bathing and for washing dishes? If it is, then a lot of water can be saved by encouraging the inhabitants of these two congested areas to get sea water and use it where ever possible. Everyone hates to use briny water for bathing when fresh water can be obtained, but I feel sure that the case with which one can get a bucketful of sea water, contrasted with the long and tedious waiting at the street hydrants, should provide an incentive sufficient to counteract any dislike for salt water.

Perhaps some of your medical readers will enlighten us on this subject. Yours, etc.,
WANCHAIAN.



"For a steak to melt in your mouth, sir, is SOMETHING—but it's not EVERYTHING."

JAPANESE ENVOY
IN NANKINGMUCH SPECULATION
PROVOKEDAN UNOFFICIAL
EXPLANATION

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, May 18.

Considerable speculation has been provoked in Chinese circles in Shanghai and Nanking over the visit to the capital of the Japanese Ambassador to Brazil, Mr. Ariyoshi, who is now returning to Shanghai.

While the reason for the visit has not been made public, it is reported that Mr. Ariyoshi went to Nanking for the purpose of informally sounding out the opinion of Chinese government leaders regarding Sino-Japanese political questions, particularly those connected with the Japanese withdrawal of forces from Shanghai and the proposal for the setting up of a round table conference.

Mr. Ariyoshi failed to obtain an interview with Mr. Lo Wen-kan, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, but he conversed for over two hours with Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

It is stated that Mr. Wang Ching-wei told the Japanese envoy that China had placed the settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute entirely in the hands of the League of Nations.—*Reuter*.

WATER-SLOGAN
COMPETITIONHON. MR. SHENTON
TO JUDGE

We are pleased to announce that the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton has very kindly consented to act as Judge in the *Telegraph's* Save Water Slogan Competition, entries for which close on Saturday next. All slogans sent in, whether previously published or not, will be forwarded to Mr. Shenton, whose decision will be final.

There is no slackening in the number of entries being sent in. From the latest batch we make the following selections:

- No. 13:—"The water you save to-day may save a life to-morrow."
No. 14:—"A little saved each morning: a big save each night."
No. 15:—"Tighten your taps or lighten your belt."
No. 16:—"Use water for tea, but bathe in the sea."
No. 17:—"Want of thought—want a quart."
No. 18:—"A gallon in the mains is worth twenty in the drains."

Slogans, which must not exceed ten words, but may be less, must be addressed to the Editor, and be marked:—"Water Slogan Competition."

PRIME MINISTER
TAKES AIRINGLEAVES FOR SCOTLAND
TO-NIGHT

London, May 17.

The Prime Minister went for a motor drive in the country to-day. He returned to the Nursing Home to-night, but will leave to-morrow, and, after spending some time in Downing Street, he will travel by night train to Lussellmouth, Scotland, to complete his convalescence.

He will be away about three weeks, returning to London in time to prepare for the Lausanne Conference, which opens on June 16th.—*British Wireless*.

CANADA FINANCE
PRECAUTIONWIDE AUTHORITY FOR
CABINET

Ottawa, May 17.

A Bill authorizing the Cabinet to take steps to meet any financial crisis during the forthcoming recess will probably be tabled in Parliament by the Government before Parliament is prorogued.

This announcement has been made by the Prime Minister, who adds that emergency measures will only come into effect by proclamation, after mature consideration.—*Reuter*.

THE GALLANT
NINETEENTH ARMYShanghai Defenders Now
in Nanking

Nanking, May 18.

The Sixty-First Division of the Nineteenth Route Army, which bore the brunt of the early fighting in Shanghai, has now entered Nanking, coming from the trenches at Kunshan now that the Japanese troops are withdrawing.

The population here lined the streets and gave them a tremendous welcome after their three months in the trenches.

The troops, who will rest here for some time, looked fit, despite their experiences in the fighting line.—*Reuter*.

DOLLAR DROPS A
FARTHINGLOCAL MARKET VERY
UNCERTAIN

Although silver is up in London, the Hongkong dollar declined a farthing this morning to 1s. 3. 1/8d. The local market is very uncertain, with little inclination for anyone to do business.

London reports a rise of 1/8th in silver. China and India were small buyers, while sellers held back. After the official fixing, the market ruled steady, with America inclined to buy.

In New York silver at 28 1/2 is down 3/8ths, but the market is reported to be steady.

BRITISH FILMS
COMING"SUSIE" AND "HINDLE
WAKES"

The King's Theatre is arranging to show two capital British pictures very shortly.

On Friday and Saturday, 20th and 21st, "Sunshine Susie," that bright and sparkling film will be screened, whilst from Sunday to Empire Day (24th instant) inclusive a special attraction will be offered in "Hindle Wakes."

A special matinee performance of "Sunshine Susie" will also be given on Empire Day at 11.30 a.m., with special prices for school children.

"Hindle Wakes," which is described as Britain's greatest screen achievement to date, is a play of Lancashire life, written by Stanley Houghton over twenty years ago. It is one of the few plays that does not age with time, and is as fresh, as provocative in theme as when it was written. It is, in fact, coming to be regarded now as one of the plays of the century.

It inaugurated a new school of drama which expressed the views of the new social order, wherein the rising generation claimed independence and set up a new code of relations between the sexes. This story is played to an intriguing conclusion against a vast, spectacular background of Lancashire at work and at play.

Sybil Thorndike, Norman McKinnel, Edmund Gwenn, John Stuart and Belle Chynoweth fill the leading roles.

Miss Chrysalis was born and bred at Fleetwood in Lancashire. This young actress, yet only 21 years old, came to London some time ago to study for the stage at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. She secured two small theatrical engagements, notably in "The Borg," and then played a minor role in the Gainsborough film version of "A Warm Corner," with Leslie Henson and Heather Thatcher. Subsequently she haunted studios and casting directors, and in something like despair she decided to give up stage and screen and return home to take up a business career.

Then Miss Chrysalis heard that Victor Saville, who had directed her in her first film, was to make "Hindle Wakes," and wrote to him with the result that he not only gave her an interview, but her assurance gained her a test, and from about twenty candidates, she emerged the selected actress for the important and rather difficult role of "Jenny Hawthorn." As "Hindle Wakes" has proved, she is an excellent actress of considerable promise, and furthermore she brings life and conviction to the character by reason of being a Lancashire girl with genuine understanding of and sympathy for "Jenny's" character.—*Reuter*.

BOMBAY RIOTS
QUELLEDNEARLY THOUSAND
CASUALTIES

Bombay, May 17.

The grave developments in Bombay and Calcutta are now subsiding.

After four days of rioting in Bombay, in which no fewer than 88 were killed and 850 wounded, quiet was restored this evening.

Order has been restored also in Calcutta, where, in the course of the rioting, the Deputy Commissioner of Police and other officers, as well as a number of constables, were injured. There were also a score of civilian casualties.

The trouble was due to Hindus stoning a Moslem procession.—*Reuter*.

The presence of British troops patrolling the disturbed areas in Bombay had a salutary effect to-day, although in places there were further outbreaks of Hindu-Moslem animosity. The tension was heightened by the fact that it was the Moslem New Year.

Early in the day, several more people were killed and many injured, but the authorities gradually gained control of the situation, the police and troops displaying complete impartiality towards the rioters.

There was also a clash between Moslems and Hindus in Calcutta to-day and during the efforts to restore order the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hartley, and other officers and constables were struck by flying missiles.—*British Wireless*.

SENATORS CRASH
AGAINTHIRD DEFEAT IN A
ROW

New York, May 17.

St. Louis appear to have broken the morale of the Senators, winning their third match in a row at Washington to-day, this time by a margin of 11 runs to 2.

Meanwhile, the Yankees continue their winning progress. Cleveland failed again to-day in a very tight game. Chapman hit a home run for the Yanks and Averill replied in kind for the Indians.

Swaner hit a home run for Pittsburgh, giving them the edge on Brooklyn.

Results:

National League	
Cincinnati	2 New York
Pittsburgh	3 Brooklyn
Chicago	9 Phillies
St. Louis	4 Boston
American League	
Philadelphia	2 Detroit
Boston	3 Chicago
Washington	2 St. Louis
New York	3 Cleveland

—*Reuter*.

AIR MISHAP ALARM

(Continued from Page 1.)

used where each type is particularly suitable.

The work which he had undertaken had not been without careful planning. Some six years have been spent, including trips to the Far East, in making the preparations for the flight, and he emphasized that no attempt was being made to break records.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Up to the mishap now feared, the flight has been very successful, and Capt. Bertram was confident.

Recalling his earlier trip when his plane sank at Vizagapatam, Capt. Bertram said that was a smaller Junkers plane than the one he is using on the present trip. On that occasion the plane made a perfect landing but a wave caught the machine and tipped it over. The pilot and his companion ran along the other wing to try and regain the balance, but it was too late. The experience was rendered still more uncomfortable because the water was known to be shark infested. Capt. Bertram and his companion remained in it for about 20 minutes but were rescued by a boat from the steamer *Clan MacIver*.

The party had a narrow escape during their present flight. Flying across the Bay of Bengal from Calcutta to Rangoon they ran into a storm and had to deviate from their course. The result was that when they ran out of the storm, having flown inland, they found themselves with only enough petrol to keep them going for about ten minutes. Fortunately the pilot located a lake north of Akyah and landed there safely. They stayed there during the night and the storm which they had avoided followed them there. It broke furiously in the night but the machine was undamaged.—*Reuter and Ex.*

THE JAPANESE
PREMIERSHIPARMY OPPOSED TO
MR. SUZUKI

Tokyo, May 17.

A mass meeting of Parliament members of the Seiyukai this afternoon unanimously elected Mr. Katsurao Suzuki President, in succession to Mr. Inukai, but with the Army's refusal to recommend a War Minister to enter the party Cabinet, Mr. Suzuki's appointment to the Premiership now seems unlikely.

The Army's insistence of a national cabinet appears well reasoned, as there is little doubt that no party Cabinet will be able to command sufficient respect and confidence to tackle the present national crisis.

It is unlikely that the new cabinet will be decided before May 20, as Prince Sionji is not expected to arrive at Tokyo until May 19.—*Reuter*.

Soviet and Japan.

London, May 17.

The question of how far the extreme Nationalist movement, which brought about the assassination of Mr. Inukai, is influenced by Hitlerism or Fascism, or how far it has arisen out of the conciliatory attitude in the Sino-Japanese dispute, is arresting attention here.

"Japan has reached the critical point of her development," says the *Manchester Guardian* in a leading article. Her political development has failed to keep pace with her economic development. While Japan is a highly organized industrial state her Government is largely feudal.

Referring to Russia, the article says that if the outcome of the present internal struggle is the establishment of a military dictatorship, a great struggle between the two powers is probable.

"The tide is strongly set towards democracy," declares Mr. E. H. Pickering, a former *Morning Post* correspondent in Japan and now a member of the House of Commons writing in the *Morning Post*. "We even the almost religious awe in which the Emperor is held will tolerate anything in the nature of unveiled absolutism."

The *Times* in a leading article on the future of Manchuria, says that the Japanese army must understand, as well as the Japanese Government, the immense embarrassment which will be caused by the assumption of complete responsibility for what, racially and geographically, is a part of China. It is to be hoped that the Lytton Commission will be able to suggest an arrangement satisfactory to both countries. The Japanese armies are operating in an area where there is almost bound, sooner or later, to be a collision with the Soviet. The future of Manchuria may be painted in rosy colours by the pioneers of Japanese penetration, but it is at present full of difficulty and danger.—*Reuter*.

Fascism in Japan

Shanghai, May 17.

Commenting on the death of Mr. Inukai, editorials in the Chinese vernacular papers to-day profess grave anxiety at the growth of fascism in Japan.

The *Shun Pao* observes that the fascist-like movements which are sweeping over Japan lack the strong guiding hand of a Mussolini, hence political life will be embittered and bring about a probable war in the Far East.

The *China Times* expresses its opinion in similar manner. It states that if Japan develops towards fascism the present social and political orders will be upset and a fresh menace will arise, threatening world security.

Under such circumstances China obviously will be subject to greater external threats than at the present time.

The *Sin Wen Pao* compares the outrages and recent disquieting developments in Tokyo with the threatening clouds preceding a storm. The paper urges the Chinese Government to pay the closest attention to the course of events in Japan.—*Reuter's Special Service*.

More Friction in Manchuria

Tokyo, May 17.

According to Harbin press despatches, friction appears to have arisen again between Manchukuo and the Lytton Commission, as the latter desire to interview General Ma Chan-shan, Manchukuo is opposed to the idea.

The Manchukuo Government is also reported to be again threatening to arrest Dr. Wellington Koo, if he persists in continuing alleged political activities.—*Reuter's Special*.

Orlando Thomas Kinsey, of East Grinstead, an ex-Metropolitan Police sergeant was 103 on Apr. 20.

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7 p.m. Mail Notice, etc.

7.3-7.21 p.m. L'Arche (Lille) Royal Opera Orchestra. Covent Garden 9112/0118.

8 p.m. (Local Time and Weather Report).

7.21-8.15 p.m. A Concert.

Violin Solo-Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreisler).

Violin Solo-Legend of the Canyon (Cedman).

Song-Your Little Black Eyes (de Castro-de Faria).

Song-The Shepherdess (Dunne-Tabou).

Song-Bidnight Review (Giles).

Plano Solo-Invitation to the Waltz (Weber).

Song-June Brought the Roses (Blanchard).

Song-When You and I Were Seventeen (Kahn-Bosch).

Celli Solo-Adagio (Debussy).

Celli Solo-Mourning (Debussy).

Song-The Two Grenadiers (Schumann).

Song-Bidnight Review (Giles).

Plano Solo-Murmuring Zephyrs (Jensen-Nielsen).

Plano Solo-Spring Song (Mendelssohn).

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NEW SYSTEM NEEDED

SHOULD SELECTION OF CRICKET
INTERPORT TEAMS BE TASK
OF AN ASSOCIATION?

IS IT NOT HIGH TIME, now that cricket has gained such a prominent place in the sporting life of the local community, for it to be placed on a sounder administrative basis, with an organised Association, recognised as the ruling body, set up to conduct the League, and to be responsible for the selection of Interport teams?

It is a question which is exercising the minds of numbers of Hongkong cricket enthusiasts, who feel, despite the excellent work accomplished in the past by the officials of the Hongkong Cricket Club, that the time has now arrived that the game, particularly in its chief competitive forms such as league and interport cricket, should be controlled by a more representative body.

When the cricket interport team, representing Hongkong against Shanghai this week, was selected, the determination of the Selection Committee very naturally brought forth a certain amount of criticism. Keen followers of the game in Hongkong had their own opinions as to the correct constitution of the team, and in a number of cases they considerably differed from that of the official team.

While one can, to some extent, ignore these personal claims to team selection, a little thought regarding the present position of interport cricket in connection with the change is indicated.

Up to the present, what have always been regarded as interport matches between Hongkong and Shanghai, are really contests between the Hongkong and Shanghai Cricket Clubs in the sense that they are privately arranged by those clubs. The fact that the teams have been made more or less representative, has been purely dependent on those two clubs.

SATISFACTORY SELECTING.

No one will suggest that the Hongkong Cricket Club selection committee has not done its work ably and with a great deal of careful thought; or that it has not fully explored the field of local talent in order to secure the best representative sides.

At the same time, the growth of cricket in Hongkong as it is to-day, does seem to demand a new organisation to carry out the task of picking Hongkong's interport teams. There is no Cricket Association in Hongkong; no actual ruling body. The Cricket League is conducted without any established executive. The clubs meet each year when their representatives attending the meeting are regarded as officials to form the committee. The League, however, has no up-to-date, rules, and so far as is known, very few printed rule books are in circulation.

NEED OF FOUNTAIN HEAD.

That the League has been free from any trouble or disputes in the past does not obviate the necessity for a less haphazard system of con-

TENNIS LEAGUE "STARS"

PERSONALITIES TO
BE SEEN IN
HONGKONG

M. W. and M. K. Lo.

Sixteen years ago, M. W. and M. K. Lo (or, as they are now more familiarly known, the Lo Brothers) figured together for the first time in the Chinese Recreation Club Tennis League. Since then, they have been annual participants in this competition, and for many years have stood as the premier C.R.C. pair. They helped the Club to regain the trophy in 1920 and to hold it for three successive years, and to repeat the performance in 1926-27-28.

For many years they have ranked among the leading tennis players in the Chinese community of Hongkong, and as a combination have had no equals in the Club they have so well served.

In 1920 they won the coveted Doubles championship of the Colony, and they have appeared together in many representative games.

They form a combination of resourcefulness combined with ability, and those two factors, particularly in League tennis, remain a potent danger to all they meet. When the League season opens next month, they will again be present to renew their efforts on behalf of the Chinese Recreation Club.

RETURNS TO FORM



A. P. F. Chapman, the smiling Kent Cricket captain, who returned to batting form against Gloucester. A continuance in this direction may solve the selectors' problem of the next English Test Captain.

ITALY WIN WITH EASE

SPAIN LOSE LAST TWO SINGLES

Rome, May 17.
Italy made certain of their entry into the next round of the Davis Cup, and the right to meet either Monaco or Switzerland, when Palmieri to-day defeated Maier in the fourth match of the contest, and subsequently Stefani clinched a 4-1 win for the Italians by eliminating Juanico.

Palmieri was leading Maier (Spain) 2-6, 6-0, 6-2, 5-2, when the latter was forced to retire owing to injury sustained through a heavy fall.

Rome, May 18.
Stefani, the ambidextrous tennis player, to-day won the fifth match of the tie between Italy and Spain, when he beat Juanico in straight sets, with the loss of two games, the scores reading 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.—*Router.*

SPORTS CHATTER FROM THE "FOUR CORNERS"

Golfers Killed by Lightning—Need for Taking
Precautions—What to Do in a Storm—
Cambridge Makes History—Duleep's "No"

Golfers and Lightning

THE death by lightning stroke of a golfer and his caddy when playing a round on the Maldenhead links has naturally given rise to a certain amount of apprehension among devotees of the Royal and Ancient game writes Mr. E. L. Hake, M.A., Meteorological Superintendent of Hampstead Observatory. Since the occurrence of these fatalities meteorologists have been kept busy with inquiries as to the risk involved in handling iron clubs during the progress of a storm.

Does the metal attract the lightning, they are asked, and must the new all-steel shafts be regarded as an additional source of danger? To give an unqualified affirmative reply to these questions would be in the nature of scaremongering; to answer them in the negative would be to encourage rashness, without evading the point we may go on to consider how death and injury by lightning are brought about.

What Statistics Show
STATISTICS tell us that approximately four out of every five such casualties in England are among men. Of these the majority are agricultural labourers, farm hands and the like, who are at their work out of doors when a storm breaks and imprudently neglect to lay aside their scythes, sickles, spades or ploughs.

Golf clubs are not such risky things, as pointed iron or steel implements to have about one in a hundred chance of being struck by lightning. The chances of being struck, though always small in England, are definitely increased for anybody carrying the normal equipment of a golfer.

Lightning "conductors" affixed to houses and churches are usually made of iron or copper, and if they are properly "earthed" they serve the object of protecting the buildings. But a factored rod or a bad earth connexion is a potential source of danger. And so, to some extent is a scythe or an iron golf club.

Since the metallic element is inserted in the ground (save occasionally in the case of the niblick)

some of the electric current will traverse the limbs and body of a man who happens to be holding any such implement at a time when it is functioning as a lightning conductor. So violent is the discharge of the flash that either serious injury or immediate electrocution is likely to result.

Take These Precautions

CONSEQUENTLY, the best thing for a golfer to do when overtaken by a thunderstorm is to drop his iron clubs at once and give them a wide berth. He will be wise not to put up an umbrella—especially if it has a metal ferrule. He will also do much better to endure a soaking than to court trouble by taking refuge beneath one of the isolated trees that are to be found on so many golf links. Oaks, in particular, should be carefully avoided, as lightning seems to have a curious predilection for them. The safest course of all, though not the most comfortable, is to lie down in a ditch or bunker, as far away from trees as possible.

The human casualty list from lightning is not very serious in England averaging about 20 a year killed and 100 injured. Among sheep and cattle, however, there is a much heavier death toll, due in large measure to the partiality of stocks and herds for sheltering under trees.

Even should a golfer retreat beneath an oak with his clubs during the prevalence of a thunderstorm, it is long odds that he will not be hurt, but if his motto be "Safety first" he will do well to take the few simple precautions that have been mentioned.

Cambridge Make History

ROWING history was made at Cambridge when the University crew were seen out in the May Term for the first time. This strange happening has been brought about by the decision that the Eight is to compete at Henley for the Grand Challenge Cup, as a Leander crew, when if they are successful, they will most likely represent Great Britain at Los Angeles in the Olympic Games. The crew were aloft at 5.30 in the same order as they rowed at Putney, and used Leander oars in

Sibbles in Devastating Form With Ball

TRUNDLERS AGAIN FAVOURED

THE FEATURE OF COUNTY CRICKET over the week-end was the thrashing given Yorkshire before their own supporters at Bradford, by Lancashire, who won by an innings. Sibbles, the young Lancastrian bowler was the cause, taking no less than 12 wickets for 68 runs, 58 of which were hit off him in the second innings.

Kent gained full measure of Gloucester and won with ease, Freeman again bowling with effect, and Woolley Chapman and Ames scoring freely. A number of matches were left unfinished with results dependent on the first innings.



F. E. Woolley.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Somerset beat Hants at Taunton by ten wickets.
Derbyshire beat Warwickshire at Derby by 123 runs.
Kent beat Gloucester at Bristol by 150 runs.
Lancashire beat Yorkshire at Bradford by an innings and 50 runs.
Leicester beat Northants at Leicester by an innings and 185 runs.
Sussex beat Middlesex at Lords on first innings.
Essex beat Worcester at Leyton on first innings.
Notts beat Surrey at Nottingham on first innings.

FRIENDLY MATCH

Glamorgan drew with the All India Eleven at Cardiff.

Batting.

Paynter (Lancashire)	152	Hants	6 for 57
Armstrong (Leicester)	152	Verity (Yorks) v Lanca-	5 for 17
Wazirali (All India)	108	shires	
Dyson (Glamorgan)	100	Mitchell (Derby) v War-	8 for 107
Woolley (Kent)	90	wick	7 for 48
Gunn, G. V. (Notts)	89	Partridge (Northants) v	
Gibbons (Worcester)	79	Leicester	6 for 78
Berry (Leicester)	77		
K. S. Duleepinhi (Sussex)	74		
A. F. Chapman (Kent)	70		
N. V. Turnbull (Glamorgan)	72		
Ames (Kent)	68		

* Signifies not out.

Bowling.

Freeman (Kent) v Gloucester	7 for 37
Sibbles (Lancs.) v Yorks	6 for 59
Sibbles (Lancs.) v Yorks	7 for 10
Geary (Leicester) v Nor-	5 for 58

BATTING FAILURES.

Somerset Win Low Scoring Match.

A second inning collapse on the part of Hampshire allowed Somerset to win by ten wickets. Hants, who had first use of the crease, could only compile a meagre 185, to which Somerset replied with 178. Fine bowling by Lee, who took 5 for 37, results in Hampshire being skittled out in their second venture for 77 runs, and Somerset knocked off the required 48 without loss.

DERBY WELL ON TOP.

Mitchell & Armstrong Cause the Damage.

Splendid trundling by Mitchell and Armstrong allowed Derbyshire to collect the full complement of points from Warwick, the latter experiencing two bad spells at the wicket.

Derby won by 123 runs after being dismissed in their first innings for 108, in which F.E.S. Wyatt captured 4 wickets for 21 runs. They recovered at the second time of asking and were able to declare at 214 for 7 wickets.

Warwick's first reply was to gain a lead of three runs on the first knock, and this despite Mitchell's effort of taking 7 wickets for 48 runs. On their reappearance, however, Warwick went to pieces, and against Armstrong could do nothing. He secured half the wickets for 27 runs, Warwick being all out for 88.

CHAPMAN, WOOLLEY AND FREEMAN.

Cause Downfall of Gloucester.

Another extraordinary bowling feat by "Tich" Freeman, together with strong batting by A.P.F. Chapman, Frank Woolley and Ames, brought about the defeat of Gloucester by Kent by 150 runs.

Taking first knock, Kent compiled 167 runs, of which Chapman helped himself to 76. Freeman, however, proved so deadly with the ball that Gloucester were dismissed for 94 in their reply. "Tich" captured seven wickets for 37 runs.

Kent batted with more confidence in the second innings, and thanks to Woolley (90) and Ames (68), both undefeated, the declaration was made at 208 for two wickets. Freeman again played havoc with the Gloucester team, and in taking 6 wickets for 59 runs, caused their dismissal for 181.

LANCS WIN FIRST ROUND.

Yorkshire Completely Outplayed.

The first round of the annual "War of the Roses" between Lancashire and Yorkshire has ended in favour of the Lancastrians, who defeated their neighbours by an innings and 50 runs at Bradford. Lancashire put up a total of

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THE DIME-A-DANCE GIRL

(Continued from Page 3.)

They drove on through the September night.

Ellen felt small and insignificant, not married at all, as the car turned through high iron gates, cracked up a smooth driveway that was like a long, white ribbon, and at last hesitated beneath the porte cochere of a great stone house. Lights burned from all the windows on the lower floor.

They had driven through landscaped grounds and she had caught a glimpse of the swimming pool gleaming with stars. Steven had pointed out the stables and tennis courts, had spoken of golf and boating.

Could this be home? Could this ever be home to her?

She had a sudden hysterical notion that he and she might be dropped into separate wings of the great house and be unable to find each other for days. When they were inside it was not like that at all.

They entered a long, softly lighted living room with strange gleams of copper from the walls and the soft shine of old and well worn furniture. The room was perfect even to a copper bowl of yellow roses on the coffee table beside a rosy wood fire lighted against the chill outside. Ellen looked about her, silent with delight. Why had she been so afraid of wealth when this was what wealth brought? Beauty that took the breath away.

"Do you like the place, Ellen?" Steven asked softly.

"Oh—so much!"

"My darling, darling wife," he whispered.

There was something in the husky, whispered voice that filled her heart with panic. Not now—not now! Not until she had a little while—

Steven must have read her face. When he was beside her he put an arm about her shoulder and led her to a place by the fire. She heard him speaking.

"We'll have that food," he said quietly. "The bells aren't connected and I'll have to find Ferguson."

With that he was gone. Ellen trembled as she saw that he had left the room. How good he was! She waited five minutes, 10 minutes and with each passing moment she felt her courage revive. She began to wish that he would return.

Lying on the coffee table were the morning newspapers, still primly jacketed and unopened. She glanced casually the headlines, then started to turn the pages in search of a favourite columnist. As the society page slipped by, she paused.

There was a brief announcement that the engagement between Lawrence Harrowgate and Elizabeth Bowes had been broken.

(To be Continued.)

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1931 PUBLISHED

"It is satisfactory to record that notwithstanding the general depression of trade and a very regrettable accident on the British section, the year 1931 proved, on the whole, a very successful year for the Railway."

In this opening paragraph, taken from the annual report of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section), the position of the enterprise is epitomised.

The report states, inter alia, that running expenses were slightly heavier than during the previous year, but increases in traffic, traffic receipts and train mileage showed that steady progress was made.

Operating expenses actually increased by \$104,981.85, while net Revenue amounted to \$150,094.76 as compared with \$133,106.47 for 1930.

The Chinese Section.

Good progress was made on the Chinese section with the reconditioning of the track, and this enabled reductions to be made in the duration of the through journey between the two termini of Kowloon and Canton.

All through express trains continued to be hauled by British section engines, and the three new engines referred to in last year's report were brought into service in May and proved both efficient and economical.

Increased Traffic.

The view, expressed in the annual report for 1930 under this heading that, given a fast and punctual service of trains between the two cities, an ever-increasing proportion of passengers would travel by train, was fulfilled during the year 1931. Increases furthermore occurred in the 1st and 2nd class passengers, and there is every prospect of still further improvement in the numbers.

It is to be deplored that whilst the railway in the course of its vicissitudes in the past has frequently been debarred from earning revenue due to Chinese political and other troubles, it should have suffered a setback in what promised to be a record year owing to an accident which no foresight could have prevented. Until April 20th of 1931, the railway had, from its inception, carried 24,000,000 passengers without serious injury to a passenger, or loss of a passenger life, and it is with profound regret that eleven deaths and some nine seriously injured passengers and an unknown number with minor injuries have to be recorded.

Express Service.

The express services were maintained 353 days out of 365, or five days less than the previous year. From January 1, to April 20 the rate of haulage was \$1.10 per mile, but on the resumption of traffic after the accident, when the new tender locomotives were

WATER PROBLEM

CHINESE PETITIONS TO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS

The water restriction regulations imposed by the P.W.D. authorities, which have resulted in considerable complaint by the Chinese community, have resulted in petitions being sent by the Tung Wah Hospital, the leading Chinese charitable institution, here, and other Chinese commercial bodies, to the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council.

The Tung Wah Hospital's suggestions for improvement of the present situation may be summarised in the following recommendations:

To increase the hours granted for a supply to the street fountains; to increase the number of street fountains in the congested districts where people have to wait for hours and overnight for a bucket of water; and to reopen the water tanks which proved so useful during the water famine of 1929.

HIGHLAND PATRIOT.

NEW BRITISH LINER ARRIVES IN LONDON

London, May 17.

The Nelson motor liner, Highland Patriot, reached the Albert Dock, London, last night from Belfast, where she was built by Harland and Wolff. After running her trials successfully she will have regular sailings, like other vessels of the line, to South America via Spain, Portugal and the Canary Islands.

The Highland Patriot is 520 feet in length, 69 feet in beam and a gross tonnage of 14,157.—British Wireless.

put into service, the haulage rate was reduced to \$1 per mile as provided for in the Locomotive Agreement.

The disbursements against the estimate of working expenses amounted to \$769,034.02, including running expenses of Government motor cars and lorries.

Passengers Carried.

Through and joint sectional passengers carried were as follows:

Passengers booked at stations in British Territory to stations in China excluding Shum Chun the border station.—1929, 375,144; 1930, 389,723; 1931, 430,479.

Passengers booked at stations in China excluding Shum Chun the border station to stations in British Territory were respectively.—526,696, 548,269, and 527,212.

Local passengers carried were as follows.—Main line 895,579; 976,076, and 972,694.

Claims outstanding against the Chinese section on account of suspension of through and joint sectional traffic and demurrage, which stood at \$1,025,407.44 increased by \$126.52.

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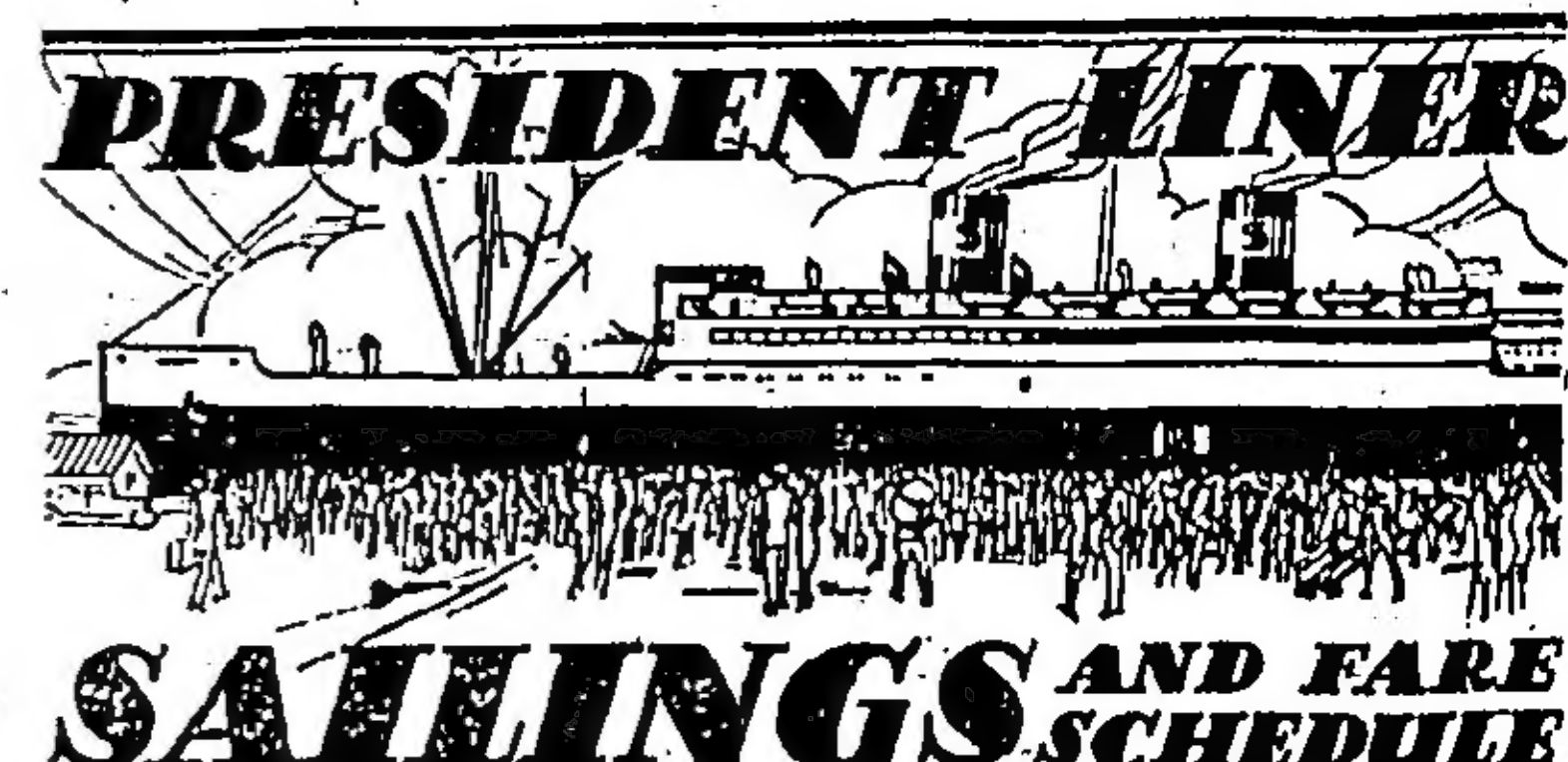
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VILLAGE ROAD
MURDERMUCH-POSTPONED TRIAL
RESUMED

HAWKER'S STORY

The Police Court trial of Tseng Kwok-yau, charged with instigating the murder of George Fung in Village Road, Happy Valley, on the night of March 24, was resumed before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Before the hearing was resumed Mr. Lindsell said that he understood Mr. Brutton did not want to cross examine Miss Lai Ming-fay that afternoon, so that, with the permission of the Court, the Crown proposed to call other witnesses.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Brutton remarked that he desired to reserve his cross-examination. Mr. Lindsell indicated that he might wish to put a few questions to Miss Lai Ming-fay before her examination in chief was concluded.

Dr. R. S. Begbie, acting Assistant Government Bacteriologist gave evidence of the post mortem examination which he performed on the body of George Fung at 10 o'clock the day following the murder. Witness described the bullet wound, which had its entrance from near the lower angle of the left shoulder blade, its course went from the back to the front of the chest where the bullet was subsequently extracted.

Witness stated that the bullet, in its course, had pierced the lung at the back, the heart muscle and the lung in the front. Death was due to hemorrhage and shock as a result of the wound. The body was otherwise healthy.

Mr. Lindsell: Could you form any opinion as to the range at which the shot was fired?—There was no evidence to show that the shot was fired close to the deceased. I think it was probably fired at a distance of more than three feet from the deceased.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you form any opinion as to the maximum distance?—No.

Friend's Evidence.

Chan Wing-yung, a man of independent means of 14, Shan Kwong Street, where George Fung and Lai Ming-fay had spent the early evening prior to the shooting, was next called and in reply to Mr. Lindsell said that he knew the accused with whom he was on friendly terms. On March 24 George Fung went to his house in the morning and after tea they left together. At 6.45 p.m. Fung returned with Lai Ming-fay. The two left at about 8.30 p.m., and five minutes later Fung returned to the house where she reported the shooting to witness, who drove her in his car, to Yik Yam Street but on seeing nothing unusual there, they went to the police station.

Later he went to the Yeung Wo Nursing Home, where he saw Fung who was then unconscious. Together with Mr. Morris Fung and Quenton Fung, brothers of the deceased, witness went to the Hotel Nathan for the deceased's clothes.

Witness remarked that before he had left his house a friend, Sung Chi-ming, had telephoned and reported the tragedy to the Police.

A Telephone Message.

Lau Cho, house "boy" in the employ of the last witness said that about 7 o'clock on March 24 someone telephoned for Lai Ming-fay, while half an hour later an amah handed witness a letter for Miss Lai. Witness accordingly delivered the letter to the lady.

Mr. Brutton (cross-examining): Did you hear Lai Ming-fay say (over the telephone) "bring the letter to this house"?—No.

When the letter was brought to the house and given to you, you were merely asked to give the letter to Lai Ming-fay weren't you?—Yes.

There was no question as to who was in the house?—No.

No question as to whether George Fung was there?—No.

And no question as to whether Lai Ming-fay was there?—No, she (the amah) said to give the letter to Lai Ming-fay, that's all.

Hawker's Story.

Lo Yau, a hawk, whose stall was placed a little way below the entrance into Yik Yam Street, stated that he heard a report as of

a detonating fire-cracker shortly after 8 o'clock on the night in question.

It made him look in the direction of Yik Yam Street, where he saw two figures, that of a man and woman, hurrying along, while at the same time he also heard running footsteps behind his stall making for one of two lanes bordering the terrace of Man Chung Fong. One of the two people he saw hurrying along appeared to be assisting the other, and they were making for a corner house, the first presented to his view in Yik Yam Street.

Detective's Evidence.

Shok Tul, a detective attached to the Wanchai Division, stated that on the receipt of a message, he hurried to the district, proceeding first to Yik Yam Street, and then to the Yeung Wo Nursing Home.

He next saw the hawk Lo Yau, and secured from him information which led to his making a search of a scavenging lane at the back of Man Chung Fong. Here, he found a pistol discarded in the gutter, and took it back with him to the Wanchai Station.

A Diary.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy, who took over the case from his Chinese subordinate, said that he accompanied Lai Ming-fay and Chan Wing-yung in the latter's car to the Yeung Wo Nursing Home, where he found Fung in charge of Dr. S. C. Ho and apparently in a dying condition. He received a report announcing Fung's death after his return to the Station, and proceeded to circulate what was officially styled a "murder message," naming the wanted man as Chan Kwok-yau.

The following morning he handed certain bloodstained articles of clothing taken from the body of the deceased to Sub-Inspector Rozakwy, also a silver-backed note-book.

The bloodstained articles consisted of a singlet, a waistcoat and a jacket. The silver-backed note-book is described as containing entries in the form of a diary by the deceased.

Peculiarities of Weapon.

The pistol picked up by the Chinese detective in the locality of the crime was next exhibited, and the Police Armourer, Sergt. J. E. Scott, who had examined and tested its mechanism, described the weapon as an automatic of cheap Spanish make, firing cartridges of .32 inch calibre. The magazine was charged with six cartridges, of the same type, but not of same make, being Remington products which could be used for that pistol. In the breach was an empty cartridge, the reason why it had not been ejected after being fired, was because of a defect in the mechanism.

To test the mechanism he had recourse to firing it with six other cartridges of a similar calibre, and at each time it failed to eject the empty case. Decomposed powder extracted by means of a cotton wad thrust into the barrel showed that the weapon could not have been fired within more than 24 hours.

Marks Removed.

At the back of the weapon, if a practice in Hongkong and India were conforming with, there should have been the local registration number stamped on the metal. There were traces of such a number having been there, but so worn that he was unable to decipher them. The registration number, that was to say manufacturers' number, was stamped on the side of the body, but he could find no trace of any such number. In his opinion, it had been removed with

TIBET DISPUTE

BORDER FORCES BEING
STRENGTHENED

Shanghai, May 17.

It is reported that the Tibet-Sikong dispute is taking a more serious aspect. The Dalai Lama is despatching five additional battalions of Tibetan troops to the border, and these are concentrating at Tachin and Paili, ready to launch a counter attack on the Szechuen forces.

To meet this menace, General Liu Wen-hui has sent an extra brigade to strengthen the border defences at Kantal and Hualjou, which cities were recently recovered from the Tibetans by the Chinese.—*Reuter's Special.*

a file or been rubbed away with emery paper.

That same evening, he received a bullet extracted from the body of the murdered man. It was identical with the six in the magazine of the weapon exhibited.

Mr. Brutton's Query.

At this stage Mr. Brutton, appearing for the accused, called for a definite statement from the Crown as to whether the accused was in any way connected with the weapon exhibited. Mr. Brutton declared that they knew of another gun, of which the number, and in respect of which there was a licence, was known to the Police. He was in a position to lay his hands on that gun at any time.

The Magistrate: I think it is very important that every valuable bit of evidence should be brought forward. It may be also for the benefit of the accused.

The Public Prosecutor (Mr. Lindsell) replied that in his extensive opening he had fully laid all his cards on the table, and pointed out that if such an allegation was made it would have found a place there. He had then also mentioned that the Police were still making inquiries, and the position as far as that went, was still unchanged.

Counsel Protested.

Mr. Brutton protested that he was entitled to an explanation, and what Mr. Lindsell had told him as to the inquiries had told him nothing.

The Public Prosecutor: It tells you everything.

Later Mr. Lindsell declared that he was not going to tie himself down to any particular statement which Mr. Brutton might want to have at that stage. "I am prepared to say there is not at present any allegation against the accused in connection with that pistol. That is as far as I am prepared to go. I am not prepared to go further."

With the conclusion of the Police Armourer's evidence, the Court found it convenient to adjourn, and the following afternoons were set aside for further proceedings.

To-morrow (Thursday) and Friday (May 19 and 20); and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week (May 25-27.)

Before the Court rose, Mr. Brutton said, in response to the Crown's offer of Lai Ming-fay for cross-examination, that if possible he would not be cross-examining her at this preliminary stage of the trial. It was agreed that this witness, whom the Crown Prosecutor desired to recall for further examination-in-chief, was to be held back at the convenience of the Crown until other witnesses had been heard.

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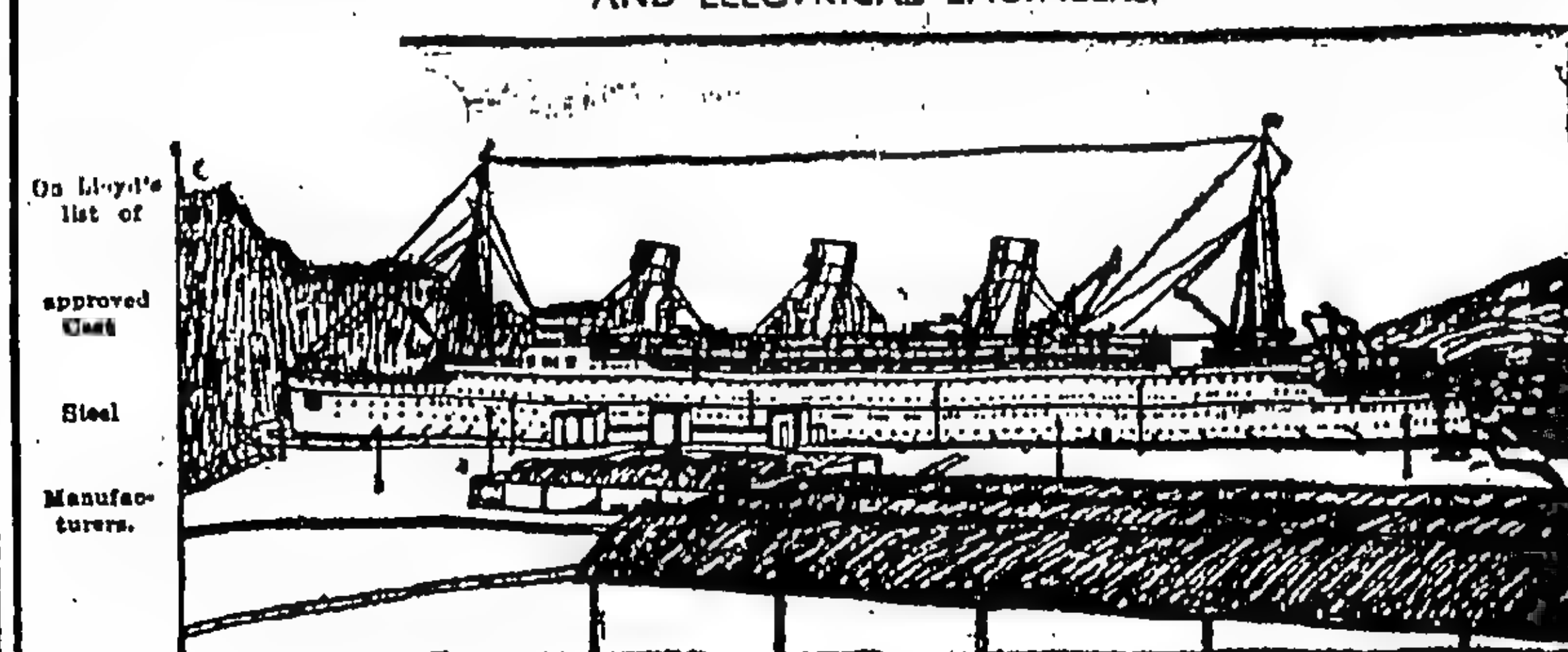
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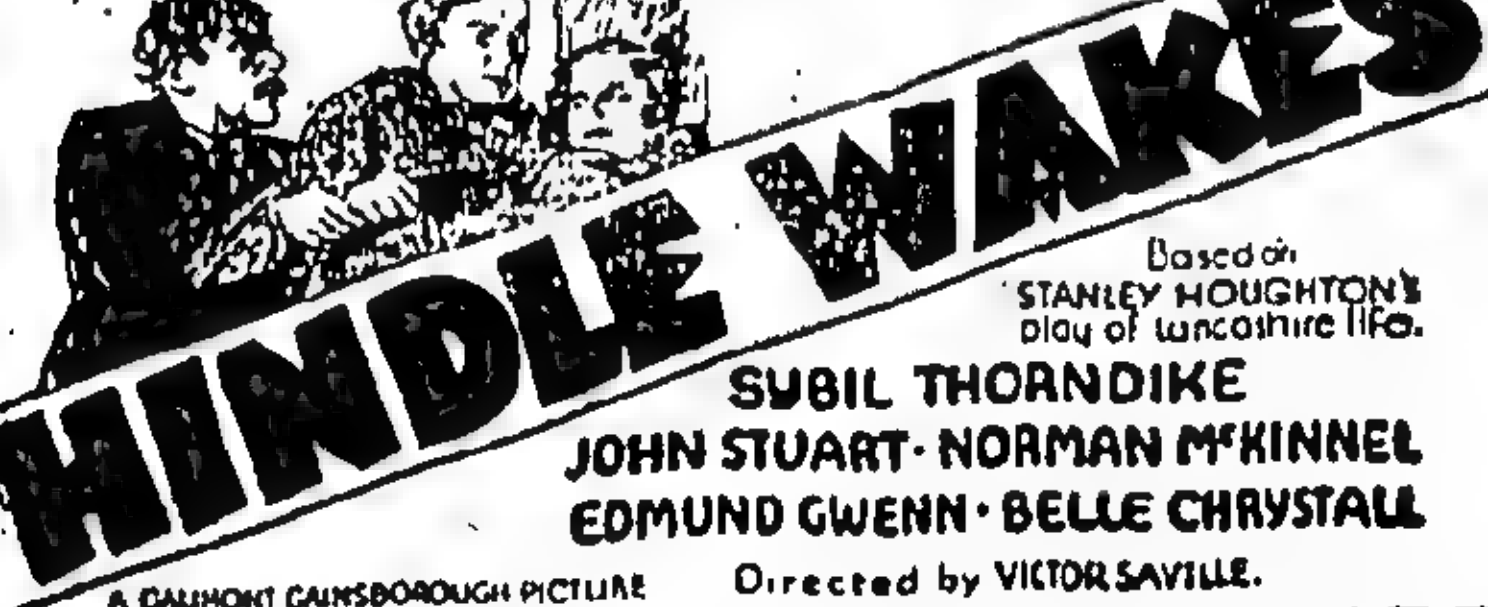
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FERRY ASSAULT

CHINESE CHARGES TWO HIGHLANDERS

The case in which Privates Harry Michie and John Quinn, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were summoned by Mr. George Shiv Ki Lau, of Kowloon Tong, for assault was concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser yesterday, when Michie was fined \$10 and Quinn discharged.

It was alleged by the complainant that while leaving a ferry about 11.45 p.m. on April 26, accompanied by Miss Pong, he was kicked in the leg and struck in the face by the two defendants. A cross-examination in connexion with the same incident was dismissed. Mr. C. Y. Kwan represented the complainant.

Miss Pong, in continuation of her evidence, said she saw Michie kicking and Quinn hitting the complainant. She stated that when they boarded the ferry at Hongkong, one defendant sat beside her and the other opposite her. She shifted her position, but they came nearer. At last, she took another seat together with the complainant.

Asked by Mr. Fraser, witness said she moved because it was cooler. The ferry was rather crowded at the time, and she had not shifted on account of any feeling against the defendants.

Complaint to Constable.

On Mr. Fraser asking witness what the defendants thought of her action, Mr. Kwan protested, saying that he did not think it fair to put that question to her.

Mr. Fraser—I am merely paving the way for the defence.
 Mr. Kwan—With due respect, I don't think it is for your Worship to pave the way for the defence.

Mr. Fraser—But the defence is not represented.

Mr. Kwan—That doesn't matter. The defence must take the case as it is.

A Chinese constable on traffic duty near the Star Ferry Wharf at Kowloon on the night in question said that complainant complained of having been assaulted. Complainant pointed to two soldiers, who had already boarded a bus, but as it had started to move he could not make an arrest. Accompanied by complainant and Miss Pong, he followed the bus in a taxi.

Argyll's Story.

Private Harry Michie said he was dressed in uniform, on April 26. On the ferry he sat opposite the complainant and Miss Pong, and Quinn sat beside the complainant. Complainant and Miss Pong moved further away from Quinn and finally left that row and went to another seat. As they did so, complainant looked at witness, who had the impression that he (complainant) was annoyed.

By this time, the ferry had arrived at Kowloon. There was a big crowd on board and everybody was pushing about a bit. Witness remembered having accidentally pushed into the complainant, who turned round immediately and said, "What's the idea?" Witness alleged that immediately after saying this, complainant hit him in the stomach and on the nose. He retaliated. Before they could go any further, Quinn and other soldiers who were on the ferry, stopped them.

Michie said he did not see Quinn strike complainant. He himself struck complainant because he was struck first. He admitted he struck fairly hard.

Felt Insulted.

Asked what he thought of the action of the complainant and Miss Pong in walking away, witness said at the time he thought it was an insult, but added that he dismissed the incident almost at once.

Cross-examined by Mr. Kwan, witness said there were four or five of his soldier friends standing behind him as he was waiting, together with the complainant and Miss Pong, for the gang plank to be lowered. There was quite a good deal of pushing about and he was pushed from behind and from the side. He admitted that he pushed into the complainant, but it was through being pushed forward by the people at the back.

Mr. Kwan—You did not hit him first?—No.

I put it to you that when he turned round and said, "What's the idea?" you hit him in the eye.

—No.

You did not say anything at all?—No.

You did not even say, "I'm sorry"?—No.

"Where did he strike you?"—In the stomach and the nose.

Where did you feel the pain?—In the stomach or in the nose?—Both.

"Used to It."

In the box, Private John Quinn said he did not feel anything at all when complainant and Miss Pong walked away. He said he was accustomed to that sort of thing as it was not the first time it had happened.

Mr. Fraser—Did you feel insulted?—No.

Quinn said he saw complainant strike Michie on the nose and stomach. He denied that he had raised a hand against the complainant.

On being asked by Mr. Kwan whether he helped Michie, he denied very heatedly.

Quinn admitted going to the Shamshuipo Police Station with complainant and Miss Pong. In the charge room, he denied having assaulted complainant, but Michie did not.

Private W. Walker, of the same regiment, said he was on the ferry at the time and saw complainant strike Michie, who hit back in self-defence.

This concluded the case for the defence.

Mr. Kwan pointed out to his Worship that complainant, at the

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Hankow, May 17. The Yangtze waters continue to rise and are causing considerable anxiety. Urgent petitions have been sent by the people to the local authorities to strengthen the Changkung and Lankiang dykes, two of the most important for protecting the Wuhan area from floods.

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time of the alleged incident, was with a young lady, for whom he was responsible, and it was not conceivable that a man of his social position should assault two soldiers at that time of night. The two defendants were brawny men, and it was equally inconceivable that the complainant should, at his own instigation, pick a quarrel with them.

Quinn Discharged.

Mr. Fraser said that on the evidence, Private Quinn did not enter into the picture and discharged him.

Mr. Fraser convicted Michie of assault. It was obvious, he said, that Michie was a willing agent to the assault and had used more force than he should have done.

The remaining thing to decide was who struck the first blow. On the evidence, however, he must dismiss the cross-examination against complainant.

An officer of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders said that the two defendants bore very good characters, and had behaved properly for the last two years. There was nothing against them during their service here.

In convicting Michie, Mr. Fraser remarked he would not say that Michie had received no provocation, but had used greater violence than he should. The position of a private soldier in the Colony was not an enviable one. He was sure that Michie had used great restraint and had tried to be as law-abiding as possible.

Mr. Fraser said the matter seemed to have been the result of a regrettable misunderstanding. He was sure the annoying complainant, and he was equally sure complainant had no intention of annoying the defendants.

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SHARK-INFESTED WATER.

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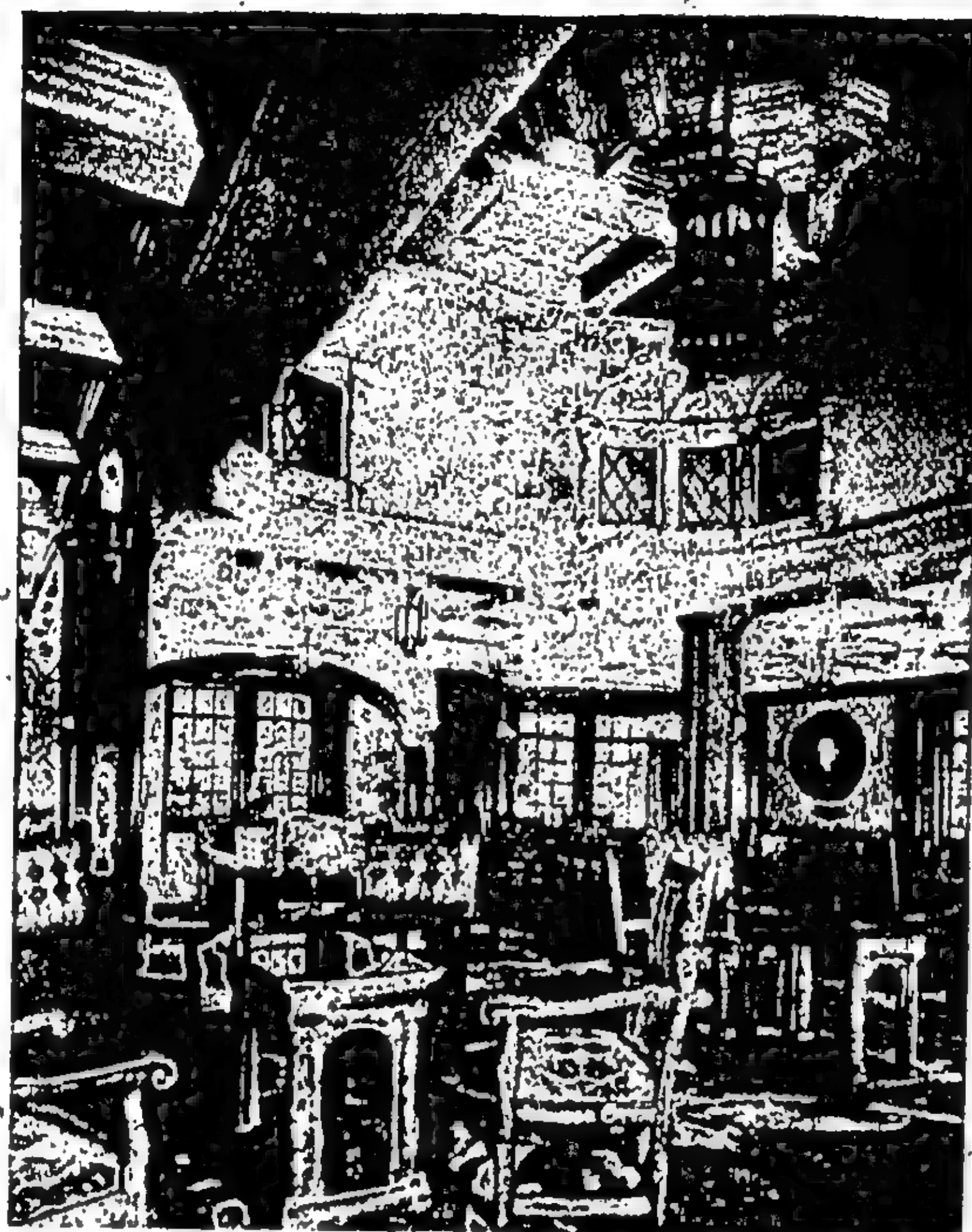
The stories of all the survivors of the liner disaster who have reached Aden show that the flames got a firm hold long before the discovery of the outbreak, the cause of which can only be the subject of speculation.

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LIFE SENTENCE PASSED

MAN JUST ACQUITTED IN MURDER CASE

Cheung Lu-wah, the man who pleaded guilty to the charge of murdering Tsang King-kui at Victoria Gap Road, but was found not guilty by the jury after trial, again appeared at the Criminal Sessions this morning on another charge and was given a life sentence.

The charge was one relating to the delivery of letters demanding ransom for the release of the murdered youth, the charged preferred being that prisoner, on February 18th, at Shauiwan, caused Tsang Kun-ching (the deceased's father) to receive a letter demanding money with menaces without any reasonable or probable cause from Tsang Kun-wing, alias Tsang Hin-ting. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. J. Brook (foreman), Liang Han-chih, M. J. Rull, L. A. Osmond, H. Hallgren, W. H. Lebert and D. Mackenzie.

Prisoner was not represented by counsel and Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg prosecuted for the Crown.

LETTERS DELIVERED.

Mr. Hazlerigg explained that at about a quarter past eight on the evening of February 18, a man named Cheung Sau-fu went to No. 273, Shauiwan West, carrying two letters addressed to Tsang Kun-wing, alias Tsang Hin-ting, the owner of the house and father of the murdered youth. Cheung Sau-fu enquired for Tsang King-kui from the latter's uncle, Tsang Kun-ching, the father being out, and when Cheung was told that the son was out he stated he had asked him to deliver the letters.

They were opened and read by Tsang Kun-ching, who was a solicitor's clerk. One of them, which purported to be written by a man named Cheung Kw, demanded

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TYPHOID, MEASLES, PNEUMONIA

Durban, May 17.

An amazing outbreak of diseases, ranging from typhoid to pneumonia, measles and chicken-pox, which nearly threatened to involve over 1,200 Japanese emigrants and some European passengers, occurred at sea aboard the Japanese steamer, Rio de Janeiro Maru.

The vessel belongs to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha and is on the run from Japan to South America, via Hongkong, Saigon, Durban, Cape Town and Buenos Aires.

THREE DEATHS.

She was on her way from Singapore to Durban when the outbreak occurred and the doctor was kept constantly at work as fresh cases, of a variety of diseases, occurred.

The Rio de Janeiro Maru arrived in Durban to-day with the yellow flag flying and it was disclosed that three persons had been buried at sea and that forty others aboard had been stricken down and needed to be placed in hospital ashore.

FOREIGNERS FROM H.K.

The vessel was carrying eleven passengers from Hongkong for Durban and Buenos Aires, one European and ten Americans.

Mr. S. Faberian, a British merchant, was aboard from Hongkong proceeding to Durban on business. Others from the Colony were Mr. McLaughlin, an American, and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Perez, with their seven children, all proceeding to Buenos Aires.

The Rio de Janeiro Maru left Hongkong for Saigon on April 23.

WAR NEARS HARBIN

SAND BAGS IN THE CITY

SIGNS OF ANXIETY BY JAPANESE

Harbin, May 18.

War operations are approaching perilously near Harbin, where the sound of gunfire was clearly heard yesterday. The situation is regarded so seriously by the Japanese that they are now busy erecting sandbag barricades in the city.

All day long yesterday, the anti-Manchukuo forces were besieging Sungpu, launching a determined attack against the city.

The defenders of the city kept the attackers at bay and finally routed them, but the gunfire of the invaders proved so effective that by evening many parts of Sungpu were going up in flames.

SECOND ATTACK.

Despite heavy losses, the anti-Manchukuo forces, after receiving reinforcements, launched another attack, but this, too, proved unsuccessful.

Four bridges fifteen miles east of Harbin have been destroyed by the anti-Manchukuo troops, who retreated when the guard on a breakdown train poured a hail of machine-gun fire into their midst.

LINE CUT AGAIN.

The truck has also been torn up by anti-Manchukuo troops a few miles to the east of Hengtaohotze, and, as a result, communication between that point and Poganitchayna, which had only just been restored, is again interrupted.

Three Japanese troops trains, escorted by armoured trains, left for Harbin on Monday. The Japanese have reoccupied Erho and Mutankiang.

Japanese troops in Harbin were busily engaged yesterday in erecting sandbag barricades in the new town.—Reuter.

MASSACRE OF JAPANESE

INSURGENT RAID IN MANCHURIA

Harbin, May 18.

A terrible outrage is reported from Iran, where insurgents under General Li Tu massacred thirty-five Japanese.

The insurgents then set fire to the city, before retreating to Fuchin.—Reuter.

Later, the massacre occurred yesterday morning, when General Li Tu's insurgents, under pressure of the advance of Japanese columns down the Sungari, decided to evacuate the city and retreat in the direction of Fuchin.

The bodies of the victims were discovered when General Nakamura's Brigade entered and occupied the city, which had previously been the insurgents' principal base.

The Japanese military consequently considers the capture of Iran as an important victory in the campaign to suppress the anti-Manchukuo elements.—Reuter.

CRUEL HOAX ON COL. LINDBERGH

AMAZING CONFESSION BY "MILLIONAIRE"



Mr. John H. Curtis, the "wealthy" boat builder, surrounded by newspapermen, relating his new dramatized story of negotiations with the kidnappers of the Lindbergh baby.

NEGOTIATIONS STORY SHEER IMAGINATION

New York, May 17.

An astounding story of a cruel hoax on Colonel Lindbergh in the course of his anxious search for his lost son, perpetrated by a man reputed to be a millionaire, in the latest sensation provided by the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

The story was revealed as a result of the tremendous efforts now in progress to bring the inhuman criminals to justice. Those who claimed to have been in contact with the gang have been subjected to a close questioning, mainly with a view, of course, to getting on the track of the kidnappers.

When Mr. John H. Curtis, the "millionaire" Boston shipbuilder, who has been widely acclaimed as one of Colonel Lindbergh's most efficient amateur detectives, was questioned on certain curious points on his story of his alleged negotiations, he was unable to sustain it, breaking down and confessing that the whole "negotiations" were a hoax.

THE CONFESSION.

He told Colonel Norman Schwartzkopf, the Chief of Police of New Jersey State, who made a dramatic announcement of the confession at Hopewell, New Jersey, to-day, that the whole of the story of the negotiations was the creation of his imagination.

Colonel Schwartzkopf added that Mr. Curtis typed a full confession of his cruel part in the Lindbergh drama at four o'clock this morning, after hours of questioning.

NEWSPAPER OFFER.

In the course of his confession Curtis alleged that a prominent newspaper made him a very lucrative offer for the exclusive story and that offers were also made to him by a film company.

The Chief of Police commented, in making the story public, that Curtis's deception had resulted in many fruitless trips by road, sea and air, and had kept Colonel Lindbergh from his home during the most important phases of the case.

FIRM BANKRUPT.

In the course of his confession, Curtis declared that he had not been himself for the past seven months owing to financial troubles which he had been at great pains to hide.

The boat-building firm of which he was the "millionaire" owner, went bankrupt a year ago, he declared.

The names and descriptions of the men were furnished to the

After the Storm—Bombay Like City of the Dead

Bombay, May 18.

A deathly stillness descended on the city at sunset last evening, not a single theatre or restaurant being open, while the streets were entirely deserted, there being no sign of traffic, either foot or vehicular.

Small groups of British troops at measured distances in the shadow showed the reason for the "miraculous change."

The only reminder of the night-mare of the previous days are the glowing embers of innumerable street fires, yawning when

with the tattered remnants of their valuable contents strewn pitifully across the roadways.

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By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge League.

The supreme thrill in contract bridge is the bidding and making of a grand slam. Using the writer's system of contract bidding, the grand slam was easily arrived at in the following hand.

<p> ♠A-K ♥A-K-2 ♦A-J-7-3 ♣Q-J-4-2 </p>	<p> ♠J-10-6-5-3 ♥10-9-6 ♦10-8-6 ♣10-7 </p>
<p> ♠Q-9-8-2 ♥Q-J-5-4-3 ♦5-4 ♣9-8 </p>	<p> ♠7-4 ♥8-7 ♦K-Q-9-2 ♣A-K-6-5-3 </p>

The Bidding.

It must be remembered that the writer bids four-card suits before his five-card suits, therefore South, the dealer opened the bidding with one diamond. West passed. As North knows that his partner will not open without two and one-half quick tricks, he can easily read that South must hold the king and queen of diamonds and the ace of clubs. The question is whether he holds the king of clubs or the queen and jack of either hearts or spades. North invites a slam by bidding four no trump. South then shows his five-card suit by bidding five clubs.

The bidding of five clubs by South practically assures North that South originally held four diamonds which must have been headed by at least king, queen in order to be biddable, and five clubs. Undoubtedly the club suit is headed by ace, king in order to establish the two and one-half quick tricks for an original bid. North can easily see 13 tricks and immediately bids seven no trump.

The Play.

There is not much to the play of the hand. East has the opening lead and should open with the five of spades—his fourth best spade. When West covers with the queen, the declarer wins with the ace and then starts his club suit by leading the queen and following with the jack and then overtaking the four spot in the dummy with the ace. On the fifth club, the declarer discards his losing deuce of hearts. The king and queen of diamonds in the dummy are good and this leaves the ace and jack of diamonds, the ace and king of hearts and the king of spades good in the declarer's hand.

As neither side were vulnerable when this hand was played, the declarer scored 1000 points for a slam bid and made 245 for tricks and his side became vulnerable.

GOOD BUSINESS.

BUYING IN PROGRESS ON
LONDON EXCHANGE

London, May 17.

When the stock exchange opened after the holiday this morning, the outstanding feature was again provided by leading high class investment securities on a favourable monetary position. Good buying was again in progress, and a few high records established by several issues.

Consolidated fours rose to 99½, while the funding loan reached 100.—British Wireless.

**LOCAL HOSPITAL
EXTENSION.****YOUNG WO NURSING
HOME PROGRESS**

The new hospital building of the Young Wo Nursing Home will be formally opened this afternoon at 4.30 by Mrs. Kotewall, the wife of the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. The Directors of the Young Wo Institution and its chairman, Dr. Li Shufan, have issued invitations to a number of distinguished residents for the ceremony.

The new building, which has been erected as an extension of the existing hospital, has been planned and placed on the site with a view to forming the nucleus of the eventual rebuilding of the entire hospital—the greatest attention has, at the same time, been given to considerations of light and air, prevailing breeze, through ventilation, and the general well being of all, both patients, staffs, and doctors, using the building, which is generally five storeyed, surmounted by a flat roof laid out as an attractive roof garden.

The lowest storey is entirely devoted to administrative services, and contains, in addition to three entrances, leading respectively to the lift, the main stair, and the service stair, etc. the following accommodation:

Waiting room for patients and friends, doctor's private office, doctor's consulting room, cloak room for visiting doctors, adjoining lift; general office; a large lecture room for nursing staff; also to be used for religious services; dispensary, with service room in rear, adjoining the service stair; matrons' office, laboratory, two bedrooms, toilet, and store for the dispensary staff.

The Wards.

Above this are four similar floors in all 23 private wards, 4 private suites, and a labour theatre—all these rooms have direct through ventilation, and large open verandahs 8'6" wide for open air treatment, with wide double doors from the wards for wheeling beds in and out—and all except two on each floor have private toilets. The four private suites each comprise entrance hall, servants room, private bath room and toilet and specially large wards, with a recess ventilated on all four sides for the benefit of tubercular patients.

All wards are very completely fitted and furnished, having built-in wardrobes, completely fitted, lavatory basins, mirrors, towel rails, etc. and are furnished with the latest adjustable hospital beds, bedside tables with hot and cold thermos flasks, tea tables, reclining chairs, visitors chairs, etc.

In rear of the wards, arranged in small detached blocks, so as in no way to interfere with the through ventilation of the wards, are placed the various offices in connexion with each floor, including ward kitchens, with food lift to all levels, staff and servants toilets, baths, W.C.s, slop sink, telephone booth, etc.

The nurses duty room, is exactly central in each floor, so as to permit of the most rapid attendance on all patients.

A Roof Garden.

The roof, commanding magnificent views in all directions, is laid out as a garden, with ornamental tile paving, a large covered pavilion, pergolas, etc. where growing vines are already in position—both stairs and the lift serve this level.

The electrical installation embodies all the latest improvements, having in addition to the ordinary lighting, bedside lamps, lamps over all mirrors, and special built-in reading lamps to verandahs, one for each patient. A very complete system of signals is installed, for patients to call nurses or servants, and for visiting doctors to notify the office of their whereabouts, on entering any ward.

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Telephones are also installed in the private suites.

The Lift is a large one, capable of accommodating stretchers, and is of the micro-drive type, assuring a perfect stop at any desired level, with no possibility of any jarring or jolting.

The building generally is finished externally in "sand faced" plaster with certain portions in "Shanghai plaster" and "Terrazzo," relieved by the introduction of green cement bands, wrought iron railings, and brackets.

All floors are finished in mosaic tiling in varying colours and patterns.

Skirtings and stairs are in "Terrazzo" with rounded angles.

Private Verandahs.

The verandahs to each Ward are private, being separated by louvered partitions, with doors for use if required.

Paintwork throughout the building is pale cream.

In the architectural design of the building generally an attempt has been made to introduce a suggestion of the modern style which is now so popular, while keeping strictly to hospital practice in every way, and neglecting nothing conducive to the comfort, health, and well-being of all housed therein, and this result has been most successfully attained.

The architects were Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood, and the following contractors were engaged on the work:

General contractors, Lam Tuck and Co.
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Lift, Dodwell & Co., Ltd.
Terrazzo work, A. Vannini & Co.
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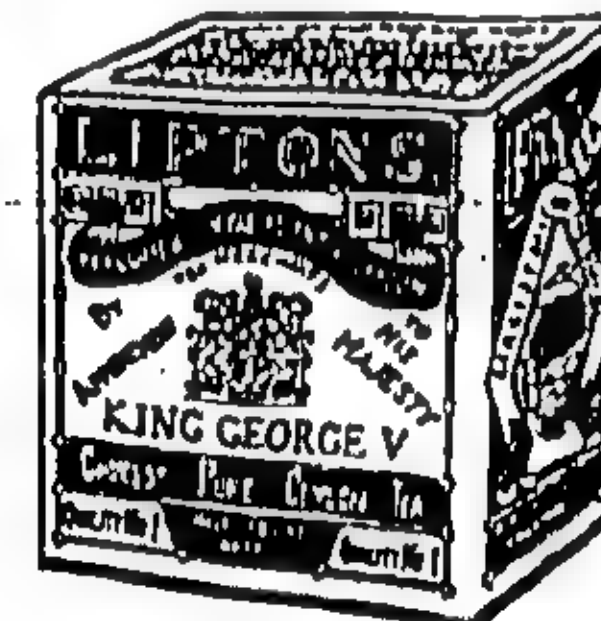
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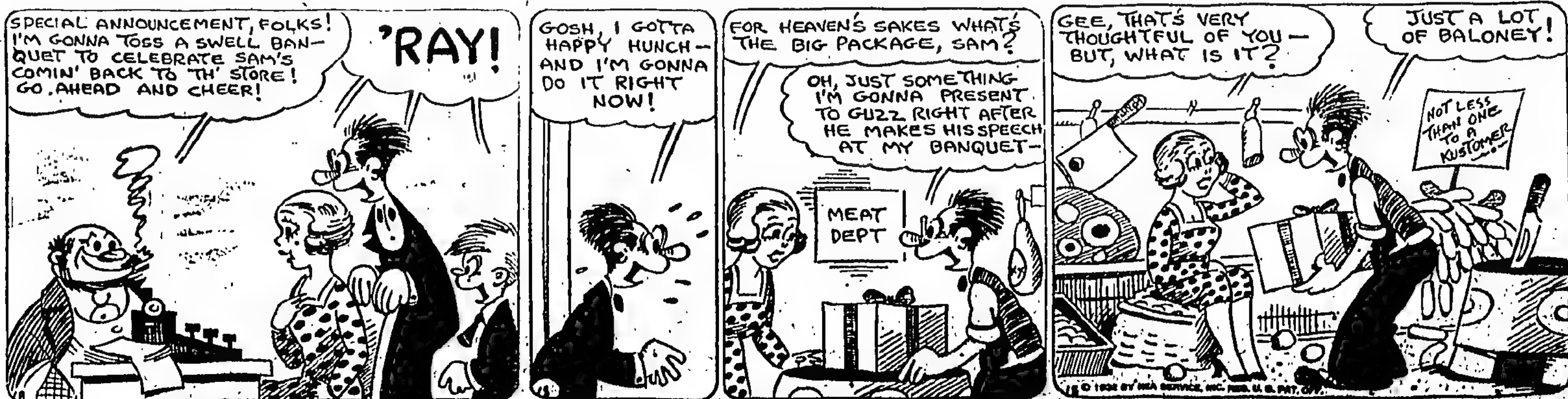
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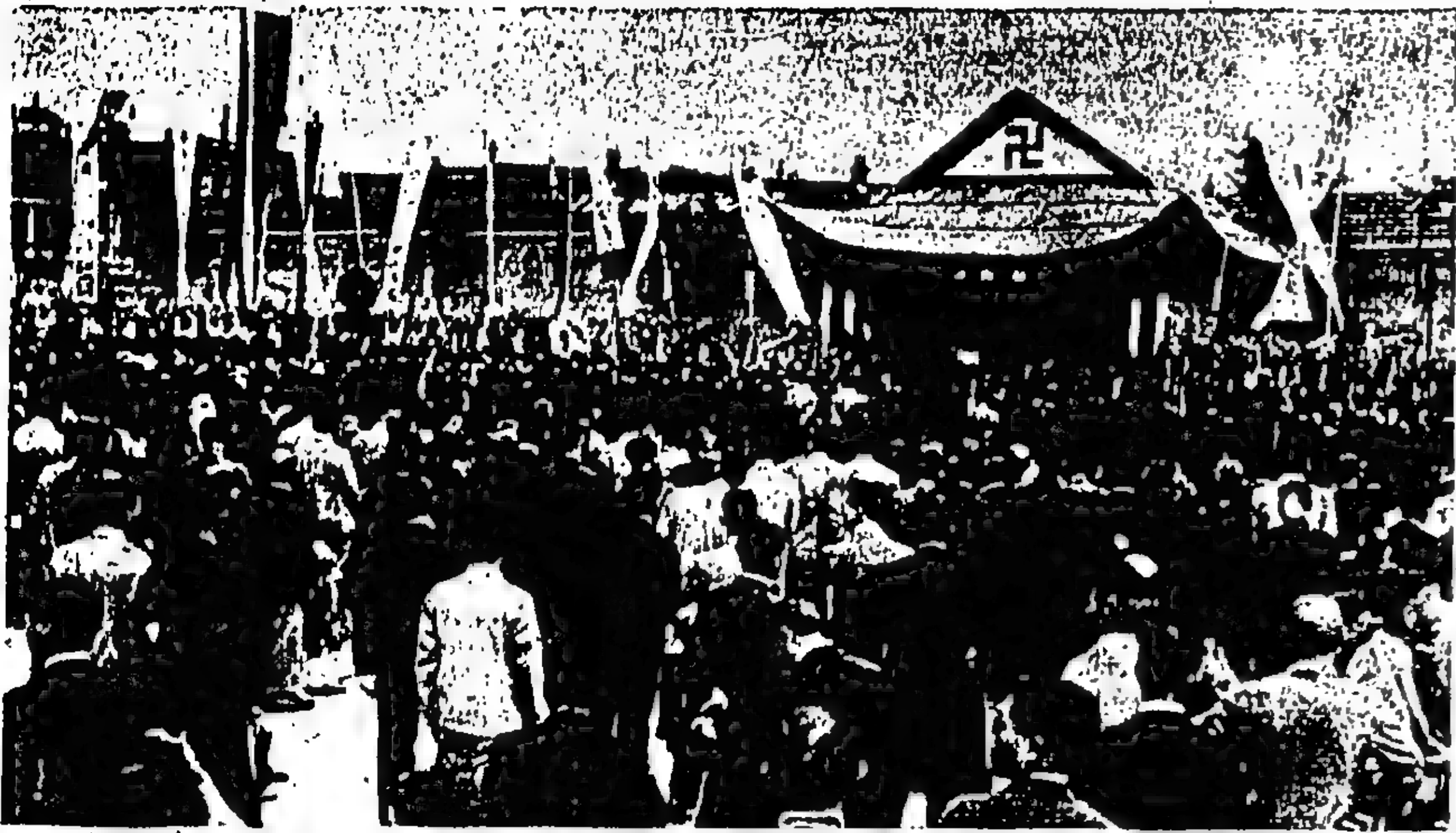
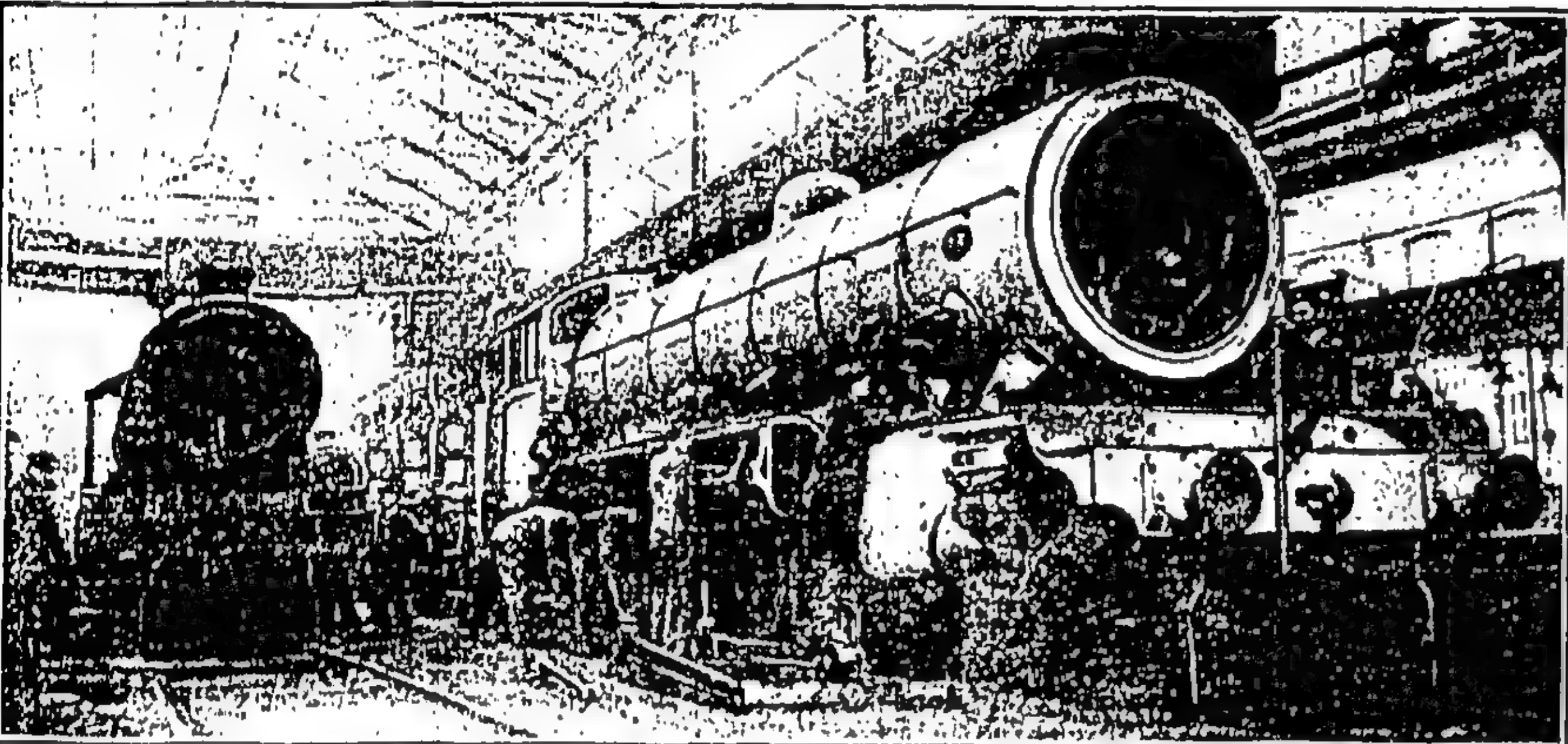


Photo shows the funeral service in Shanghai for the late Dr. T. Kawa ato, who died of injuries received in the Hongkew Park outrage. Cremation took place in the Japanese Cemetery in Chapel.



New Locomotives for the London and North Eastern Railway are now being constructed at the works at Doncaster. Work in progress on two locomotives designed for heavy mineral traffic.—(Times copyright).



Our picture shows Mrs. C. A. Breeds' Old English Sheepdog, Downberry Vesper, a prize winner at the Kensington Dog Show.—(Times copyright).



Our picture shows Mrs. Edith Baker's Shetland Sheepdog, Nuthin of Houghton Hill, a prize winning dog at the Kensington Dog Show held at the Crystal Palace.—(Times copyright).



Some of the early arrivals, standing in line to be admitted to the small spectators' section at the "vengeance murder" trial in Honolulu. Admission was by card.



Newcomers to the ranks of American Senators who favour a vote on the dry law are Senators James E. Watson (left) of Indiana and Henry W. Koyes (right) of New Hampshire. The two legislators are shown here after they, together with 22 colleagues, had signed a petition asking for an opportunity to vote in the Senate on the question of repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment.



Cheering and booing were about equally divided when this throng of students assembled on the steps of the Columbia University Library to listen to protests against the recent expulsion of Reed Harris, crusading editor of the Columbia Spectator, the undergraduate daily. While a special student committee organized a one-day strike, the undergraduate governing body passed a resolution approving the action of Dean Herbert E. Hawkes in dismissing the editor whose charges of "semi-professionalism" in Columbia athletics brought him to national attention.

from the steps of the church. The spell of solemnity disappeared in a burst of hysterical laughter. Refreshments had been prepared in the parsonage, a tiny, white house in the shadow of the church, but the wedding party was too hurried to stop, much to Mrs. Southey's disappointment. She stood on the sidewalk, shaded by a great oak tree, and waved until the big car was out of sight. They had scarcely been gone a quarter of an hour before Louis Symes, Barclay's lawyer, leaped from a roadster that had come roaring down the highway, frantically rang the parsonage door bell and demanded to see Steven at once. Mrs. Southey, in a fever of interest and excitement, told him the marriage had all ready taken place. No, she did not know where the bride and bridegroom were bound. She thought perhaps—

"Let me see your husband," Symes cut her short. Almost before she had pointed out her husband's study, Symes was striding across the room, knocked on the door and was inside. Within five minutes the study door burst open again. The lawyer raced from the house and down the shady sidewalk to his car. The Rev. Mr. Southey came from his study and paced the floor, a sign that he was deeply agitated. He did not respond to Mrs. Southey's anxious questions. He only told her that they both must hope Mr. Symes could locate his client. A few hours later while Symes was scouring New York for them, Ellen and Steven made their last

visit to Mike at the hospital. The boy was excited and nervous because of the crowd in his room. He did not know whether to laugh, cry or be cross. When Ellen attempted to take him into her arms, Mike wriggled free to demand if she would bring him something from London. Ellen assured him she would. But she felt the familiar pang the child had been so adept at causing lately. Just then he did something with the peculiar gracefulness of childhood which made her forget. Mike stretched out one brown little paw and grabbed Steven's cuff. "I'm awful glad Ellen married you," he announced frankly. "I like you."

They all laughed. Myra demanded to know if he were not glad she had married Bert. In a fit of shyness Mike refused to answer. Ellen had been made proud and happy, and despite Mike's protests, she gathered his head into her arms and gave him one of their old bear hugs. She did not know just why she should feel so grateful to him.

Just for that night. It was not so funny, miles from Manhattan, just a pleasant drive through the still, breathless evening. When they were clear of traffic and on the long, silver road Steven pulled her close to him. She dropped her head to his shoulder.

Strange that she had never before thought of Steven driving a car. She felt safe and secure as she watched his hands, steady at the wheel. Would life with him be always safe?

Suddenly she knew that she was hungry. "We're almost there now," Barclay told her, almost as if he read her thoughts. "The place isn't staffed—just the butler. But he'll have food for us. I don't believe you've eaten to-day?"

"I haven't," she admitted. "I'm awfully hungry."

"We'd have eaten in town if I'd only thought! But I was so anxious for you to see the place that is to be our home, Ellen."

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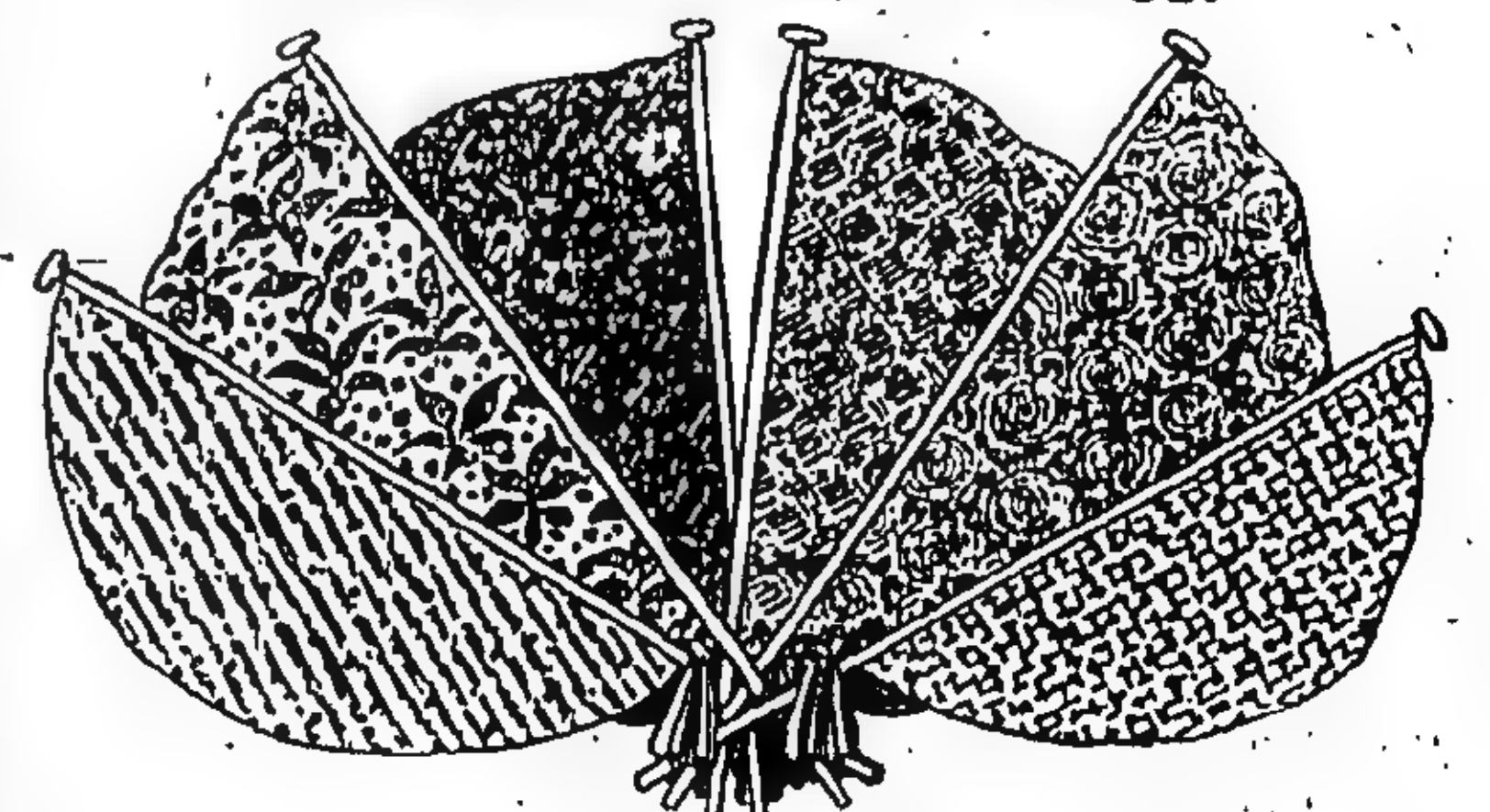
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From a sense of gratitude Ellen agrees to marry Steven Barclay, a kind and wealthy man of 37 who has paid hospital expenses for her brother, Mike, injured in a street accident. He also finds a job for her at Dreamland, engaged to Ellen's sister, Myra.

Barclay has been married and divorced. Scandal accompanied his divorce from Leda Grayson, a dancer, and, fearing this talk may be revived, he and Ellen agree to keep their marriage secret until after they sail for Europe. Barclay wishes to settle a fortune on Ellen. They go to the offices of Symes and Southey, great Barclay's attorneys, but the papers are not ready and Ellen refuses to wait, saying they can be signed after the ceremony. On the wedding morning Ellen feels she can not go through with the ceremony. Myra persuades her that she must. The two couples drive to a small Connecticut town where the marriage is to take place. Barclay is aware of Ellen's fears, asks her if she wishes to postpone the marriage.

leafy branches rustling against the windows and letting through spots of sunning that speckled the red carpet. The minister's wife cut flowers from her garden for the altar and played "Oh Promise Me" at the organ just before the ceremony.

The minister's wife was a romantic soul. She did not dream that the last note of the song made Ellen think of an ocean liner's whistle and of the final warning, "All ashore that's going ashore." She did not guess that as the organ wheezed to silence and Ellen fought down the sheer panic that made her want to rush from the church and the pale, beautiful bride was thinking it was too late now to go ashore. The gangplank was raised.

Then as the minister began to speak Ellen saw Steven's adoring eyes smiling into her's and was afraid no longer. How could she be afraid of one who loved her so?

Her response was clear and steady. She heard Steven's voice. Then there was a frosty circle of platinum and diamonds on her finger, and Steven bent to kiss her. The minister smiled his congratulations and Ellen heard Molly sob. It was over. She was Mrs. Steven Barclay.

Steven called her that first and left the Rev. Mr. Southey disappointed. Molly rushed up to kiss her and to kiss her new son. Myra who had become a bride five minutes earlier was kissing them both and comparing her ring with Ellen's while Bert, a little in the background, looked shyly on and thought his own bride the most beautiful girl in the world.

Ellen, still in a world of unreality, was resolving to be the best wife in the world to Steven. She accepted the arm he offered, clung to it and looked up confidently at her husband, her eyes luminous and solemn as a child's eyes. Together they walked out into the sunshine.

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That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$1,600,000 being part of the undivided profit of the Company standing to the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund and for that purpose—

(a) Should the Hong Kong Dollar equivalent of the Extra Reserve Fund on the 13th June, 1932, be not of the value of \$1,600,000 then there shall be transferred from the Re-insurance Fund to the Extra Reserve Fund such a sum as will with the amount now standing to the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund make up the sum of \$1,600,000.

(b) A call of \$80 per share is hereby made on the shareholders of the Company appearing on the Register of shareholders on the 27th May, 1932, and such call shall be payable on the 13th June, 1932, to the General Manager at the Registered Office of the Company.

(c) That for the purpose of paying the aforesaid call of \$80 per share a special dividend of \$80 per share is hereby declared payable on the 13th June, 1932, and that such special dividend be applied on behalf of the shareholders by the Directors in satisfaction of the call of \$80 per share.

Dated this 11th day of May, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
 General Manager.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 19th May 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1931. The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 5th to the 19th May, 1932, both days inclusive.

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 Hongkong, 28th April, 1932.

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NOTICE.

Water Supply.

In response to a request made by the Chinese community, through the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, it has been decided that the seven hours of supply to all districts of the Colony except the Peak should on and after the 19th Thursday, be altered to:—

6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

HAROLD T. CREASY,

Water Authority.
 Public Works Department,
 Hongkong, 18th May, 1932.

G. R.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified for the information of the Public that the Police Station for Wanchai District, will be transferred from its present site at the Junction of Wanchai and Johnston Roads to the New Site at No. 123 Gloucester Road, between Fleming and Stewart Roads as from noon on Thursday 19th Inst.

T. H. KING,
 Inspector General of Police.
 17th May, 1932.

THE HONGKONG RIFLE CLUB.

H. E. Major General Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., the General Officer Commanding will open the New Rifle Range at Kowloon Tong on Saturday, the 21st May, at 4.30 p.m.

Members and their friends and all interested in rifle shooting are cordially invited to attend. To reach the range take No. 7. Bus from Star Ferry Wharf (Kowloon) to Terminus where Boy Scouts will give further directions.

W. J. RATTEY,
 Hon. Treasurer.
 Hongkong, 18th May, 1932.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 28th May, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday, 19th May, 1932.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
 Act. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Monday, 30th May, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue. By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
 Act. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1932.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LTD.
 (In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of section 187 (2) of the Companies Ordinance 1911 a General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 18th May, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose provided for in the said section.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LIMITED.
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NOTICE.

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES

Miss Jean Collin's first London appearance was in Archie, de Bear's revue, "Many Happy Returns" at the Duke of York's Theatre. She was originally engaged for the chorus and a small part, but later was given a larger part without chorus work.

Her next role was that of Beauty in "Beauty and the Beast," at the Lyceum Theatre.

Miss Collin who plays opposite Bobby Howe in "Lord Bait," now at the Queen's won the coveted role of the "Five o'clock Girl," and it was her performance in this show caused the press to acclaim her as a rapidly rising new star. Then followed leading parts in "Here Comes the Bride" at the Piccadilly and Lyceum Theatres, "Blue Roses" at the Gaiety Theatre and "La Poupée" and "San Toy" at Daly's.

Miss Collin, who is an attractive blonde, was starred by B.P. in their picture "Comprising Daphne."

"Hindle Wakes."

"They're a poor lot down South; they don't make anything in them parts," says one of the characters in "Hindle Wakes," a film of Lancashire life in the raw. Perhaps this is the reason that Lancashire's intense industrialism so often furnishes the background for films.

Anyway, however that may be, all Lancashire, and for that matter the rest of the Kingdom, has been intensely interested in this talking version of Stanley Houghton's play, with its clever story of a mill girl's reactions to parental efforts to make her a "good woman" after an illicit weekend with her lover.

Brilliant scenes of mill life, with its hum of looms, its bood of the siren and its clatter of clogs, alternate with hectic scenes of Wakes week revelry in Lancashire's playground, Blackpool. A really brilliant cast enact the various roles. Sybil Thorndike, Norman McKinnel, Edmund Gwenn, John Stuart, and last, but by no means least, Belle Chynoweth, a new star in the film firmament, who has the role of Jenny Hawthorn.

"Hindle Wakes" is coming to the King's Theatre very soon.

"To Oblige a Lady."

"To Oblige a Lady" an all-British picture which is coming to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre has an exceptionally strong cast. Malsie Gay has the leading role as Mrs. Harriet. The story was written by that popular author, Edgar Wallace. Novelty of conception, hilariously funny situations, excellent acting by the whole of the fine cast and sparkling dialogue are only a few of the points of this attractive talkie.

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"Sunshine Susie"

Here is a little comic from the Film Weekly of Renate Muller, who makes you forget every one of your cares in the Gainsborough musical comedy "Sunshine Susie" which by special request is to be re-screened at the King's Theatre next Friday for two days only. Says the writer:—

"She is fair, not very tall, with blue, good-humoured eyes. The secret of her personality is that she shares Mary Pickford's gift of radiating happiness. Indeed, the best way of describing Renate is to say that she is like what Mary Pickford would have been if Mary had been born in Munich in 1905 (as Renate was) instead of in Toronto in 1893.

"Renate has the rare and precious gift of making you feel that the world is a good place to live in. Her producers realised this, or apparently they did, for they brought her pictures to the West End the week after the new Income Tax assessments were delivered.

"So it is this little German girl who has helped to keep London happy in difficult financial circumstances!"

"Over the Hill"

Persistent rumours filtering in from Hollywood prepared somewhat for "Over the Hill", Fox special, which is now showing at the King's Theatre. But no rumour could possibly have prepared us for the stupendous human greatness that has been captured for the screen.

"Over the Hill" is, beyond doubt, far and away the finest human drama since the silent era. A complete modernized version of a classic of American poetry, it runs like music across the heartstrings. A cross-section of a growing family, it is overflowing with the full flavour of life—drama, comedy and pathos in a perfect harmony of the human heart.

James Dunn and Sally Eilers, who we had thought, hit the top in "Bad Girl", give a performance as the young lovers in this picture that will stand as a goal for a long time to come. Dunn has something close to genius in his ability to make us feel what a young man is up against in life to-day. And Miss Eilers is a team-mate worthy of him in every respect.

Perhaps most astounding of all, however, is the unbelievable performance given by Mae Marsh. Returning to the screen, which she left twelve years ago for motherhood, Miss Marsh opens the true depths of a mother's heart for all to see. She lives the throbbing heart of motherhood on the screen.

Henry King, one of the greatest directors of the screen, has given us a perfect blend of the comedy of his "Twenty-Three and a Half Hours' Leave" and the pathos of his "Stella Dallas." Especially deserving of credit also are James Kirkwood, Olin Howland, Eula Guy, and William B. Davidson. "Over the Hill" is a picture for everyone, a picture of your own heart and family—a picture that will be stored in memory for years to come.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	May 19.
Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru	May 19.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 30th April)	Chitral	May 20:
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 30th April).		
Japan	Pres. Madison	May 20.
Calcutta & Straits	Montevideo Maru	May 22.
Manila	Suisan	May 22.
Saigon	Pres. Grant	May 23.
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan	May 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	May 24.
Straits	Fushimi Maru	May 27.
Japan	Hakusan Maru	May 27.
Canada, U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Kitano Maru	May 27.
(Vancouver B. C., 7th May).		
	Emp. of Canada	May 27.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Amoy	Talyuan	Wed., May 18, 3.30 p.m.
Samahui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed., May 18, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	Naldora	Thurs., May 19, 1.30 p.m.
	Reg.	1.30 p.m.
	Letters	1.30 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Dell Maru	Thurs., May 19, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremor	Thurs., May 19, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., May 19, 8 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., Central and South America and "Europe via Vancouver B.C., and "Europe via Siberia"	Empress of Asia	Fri., May 20, 10th 5 p.m.
	Reg.	20th 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	20th 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B. C., 10th June).	

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Taiyang	Fri., May 20, 19th 5 p.m.
	Reg.	20th 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	20th 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island, 31st May).	
Japan	Atsuta Maru	Fri., May 20, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haliyang	Fri., May 20, 1 p.m.
Hainan	Canton	Fri., May 20, 2.30 p.m.
Holboy, Pakhol and Haiphong	Klungchow	Fri., May 20, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Chitral	Sat., May 21, K. P. O.

	Parcels	20th 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	21st 9 a.m.
	Letters	21st 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	20th 5 p.m.
	Reg.	21st 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	21st 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 17th June).	

Japan and "South American Ports"	Holyo Maru	Sat., May 21, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yucensang	Sat., May 21, 1 p.m.
	Parcels	Noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Amoy	Kaying	Sat., May 21, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Anshun	Sun., May 22, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., May 22, 6 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and "South American Ports"	Montevideo Maru	Mon., May 23, 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	D'Artagnan	Mon., May 23, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., Central and "South American Ports"	Hikawa Maru	Tues., May 24, Reg.
"Europe via Vancouver B. C., and "Europe via Siberia"	Reg.	23rd 5 p.m.
	Letters	24th 8.30 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B. C., 13th June).	

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America and "Europe via San Francisco and "Europe via Siberia"	Pres. Grant	Tues., May 24, Parcels
	Reg.	23rd 5 p.m.
	Letters	24th 9.45 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco, 14th June).	

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INDO-CHINA S. S. MEETING

(Continued from Page 7.)

Authorities to increase their charges without taking into account the depression through which shipping was passing, and while the hand of the tax-collector appears to have been stayed for the moment these charges form an unduly heavy expense on a trade already overburdened with ever increasing operating costs.

HONGKONG INCREASES.

Although Hongkong has long been famed as one of the cheapest ports in the East as regards handling expenses and harbour dues, it is in danger of losing that reputation through the increases enforced last year in respect of light dues etc., and I hope the local Government will reconsider the position sympathetically in view of the importance shipping bears to the trade of the Colony.

The serious decline in the value of silver, which had a disastrous effect upon our 1930 results, continued for the best part of last year and the sterling equivalents of the balances of steamers' Working Accounts were converted at an average rate of exchange for the year of 1/0% d. compared with 1/4.11/32d. in 1930 and 1/10.11/16d. in 1929. I dealt very fully in my last speech with the position of the Company's earnings in depreciated silver, and the bulk of our expenses in sterling, and showed that the effect of a fall in exchange is to increase expenses without benefitting earnings, which depend on the state of the freight market. The same remarks apply with even greater force to the year under review and the considerable fluctuations in charge created many new and troublesome difficulties. All avenues of economy were studied throughout 1931 and your Directors are satisfied with the progress made in reducing expenditure compatible with efficiency.

SALARY CHANGE.

Following the negotiations with the Guilds, referred to at some length last year, the Directors and the General Managers were obliged reluctantly to pay the sterling 1/6d. and half at current living salaries of their European floating staff on the basis of a 1/6d. exchange instead of half rates. This arrangement began on 1st July and effected a saving which will be more apparent this year. It was a measure greatly to be regretted but imperative as part of our programme of drastic economy. Further, your Directors have decided to forego all their fees for the year 1931. These amount to £1,500 per annum and, I may add, are not held in suspense.

Freight and passage rates were raised whenever and wherever practical but it was not always possible to maintain the increase. This question will continue to receive the strictest attention of the General Managers. The Namsang, a vessel 29 years old, was sold during the year having become uneconomical in operation.

TYPHOON LOSSES.

During the severe typhoon which swept the China Coast in August, the Company suffered two major casualties, with regrettable heavy loss of life. The Kwongsang was driven ashore in the vicinity of Fu Yan Island, near Foochow, and sank with the loss of all but three native hands. The Waihsing also stranded, in Nam Kwan Harbour, and one sailor was drowned, but after being salvaged she was found to be so badly damaged as not to be worth repairing, and was accordingly sold. As the Waihsing was not a constructed total loss, underwriters were only liable for salvage charges, etc. In order to replace the loss of these vessels and to maintain our important connections in coastal trades, three steamers were time-chartered and have so far proved very satisfactory.

The loss of the Kwongsang is deeply deplored accompanied as it was with such serious loss of life,

both native and foreign, and I am sure as shareholders of the Company you will desire to associate yourselves with the Directors and General Managers in expressing the deepest sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives. The Company granted compassionate allowances where circumstances demanded, and I feel sure that this will have your fullest approval. As you are aware a memorial service was held at the Cathedral at Shanghai and also at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, where both services were largely attended. In turning the page in this tragic affair the Company is greatly indebted to the assistance rendered by H. M. Naval Authorities, and H. M. S. "Seepy" in particular.

Apart from the construction of a small shallow draft tug for the Hunan trade, no new tonnage was built during the year. Your Directors desire once more to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by the floating staff, ashore and afloat, and shareholders will no doubt wish to be associated with these remarks. They have co-operated loyally in the various schemes of economy instituted and have helped to make these successful.

FUTURE OUTLOOK.

It is customary at these meetings for the Chairman to make some reference to future prospects, but under present conditions this is out of the question. Commerce and politics are so welded together in China that it becomes impossible to forecast what the outcome of hostilities in Manchuria, and recently at Shanghai, will be. Mention has been made of better earnings in the closing stages of the year, and while I trust these will be maintained, too often has disillusionment followed hopeful views on spasmodic fluctuations of the freight market.

The hostilities which broke out at Shanghai between Japan and China at the end of January this year and lasted until March, are now happily at an end, but Chinese institutions such as banks, Chambers of Commerce, Exchanges, Shipping Associations and Hongkong at one time were all closed and Chinese business practically ceased. Normal conditions are, however, being restored so rapidly as circumstances permit but the future is uncertain and an opinion on the coming march of events would be mere guess work.

Turning to the statement of accounts it will be seen that there is a profit on the working of steamers amounting to £27,332.12.1d. compared with a loss of £16,167.18.3d. for the previous year. After providing for depreciation and liabilities, etc., it is proposed to transfer £74,178.11.7d. from Contingency Account and £14,818.16.6d. from Building Account to cover the loss on Revenue Account, and under the circumstances I regret it is not possible to pay any dividend. The transfers mentioned will leave the Revenue Account with a credit balance of £1,050.4.9d. which it is proposed to carry forward to next year.

I now beg to propose the following resolution:—"That the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented be adopted including the transfers of £74,178.11.7d. from Contingency Account and £14,818.16.6d. from Building Account to Revenue Account and that the sum of £1,050.4.9d. be carried forward to next year."

As soon as this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. H. White.

SOME QUESTIONS.

The Chairman called for questions before submitting the motion. Capt. Laurensen:—As no less a sum than £1,177,210.0.0d. has been written off as depreciation of the company's fleet during the years 1919 to 1931, inclusive and which amount is in excess of the book value at date of the company's fleet, will the chairman advise what percentage is used in computing the annual amount for depreciation? The Chairman:—The statement that £1,177,210, the write off from

CHINA SUGAR CO.

FOURTH REPORT OF LIQUIDATORS

The fourth report of the Liquidators of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., was presented to a meeting of shareholders in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company this morning. It was stated that the final return to shareholders would approximate 40 cents per share.

Mr. A. E. Stewart presided and others present were Messrs. A. Ritchie (secretary), A. Murdoch, F. C. Hall, N. L. H. Railton and Ho Leung.

The liquidators in their report to the shareholders on the progress of the liquidation of the company said that during the year ended 30th April, 1932, they sold the remaining property of the company in Yee Wo Street, at prices well in excess of the offers first refused.

The report added that up-country accounts had now been collected with one exception where arrangements for deferred payment were not adhered to by the customer. Pressure was being brought to bear and it was hoped that the legal steps now being taken would result in speedy realisation of this, the remaining asset to be collected.

The liquidators had hoped to make this the final account of the company but until the debt mentioned was collected, they deemed it inexpedient to prepare a statement of affairs. At this stage, however, it appeared probable that the final Return to Shareholders would approximate sixty cents per share after paying all liquidation expenses.

It was stated that Mr. John Fleming, C.A. would be absent from the Colony till 15th November and in the interval Mr. A. Ritchie, C.A. would act formally as liquidator.

The chairman said that as mentioned in the report, it was hoped at this meeting to present a final statement of the result of the liquidation but difficulty was being experienced in collecting the one remaining account. Legal proceedings had been taken but they had not yet heard from the agents if it was possible to arrange a settlement.

The motion for the adoption of the report and balance sheet was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Murdoch, and carried unanimously.

1919 to 1931, exceeds the present book value of the fleet is not correct as a glance at the published accounts will show. Depreciation is based on first cost less break up, divided by expectation of life which varies according to the class of ship.

Capt. Laurensen:—Will the chairman state whether the amount expended in a docking and/or overhaul of any of the company's vessels is placed as a charge against the book value of each vessel and thus appreciating the book cost shown of the unit?

The Chairman:—No. Captain Laurensen:—Will the chairman consider the advisability of making clearer in the revenue account the actual net profit or loss made by the company's fleet in lieu of the ambiguous phrase "net balance of steamers working accounts" with its accompanying sterling amount?

The Chairman:—This is a matter of simple arithmetic, but in any case since 1930 the amount of the loss has been stated in the directors' report.

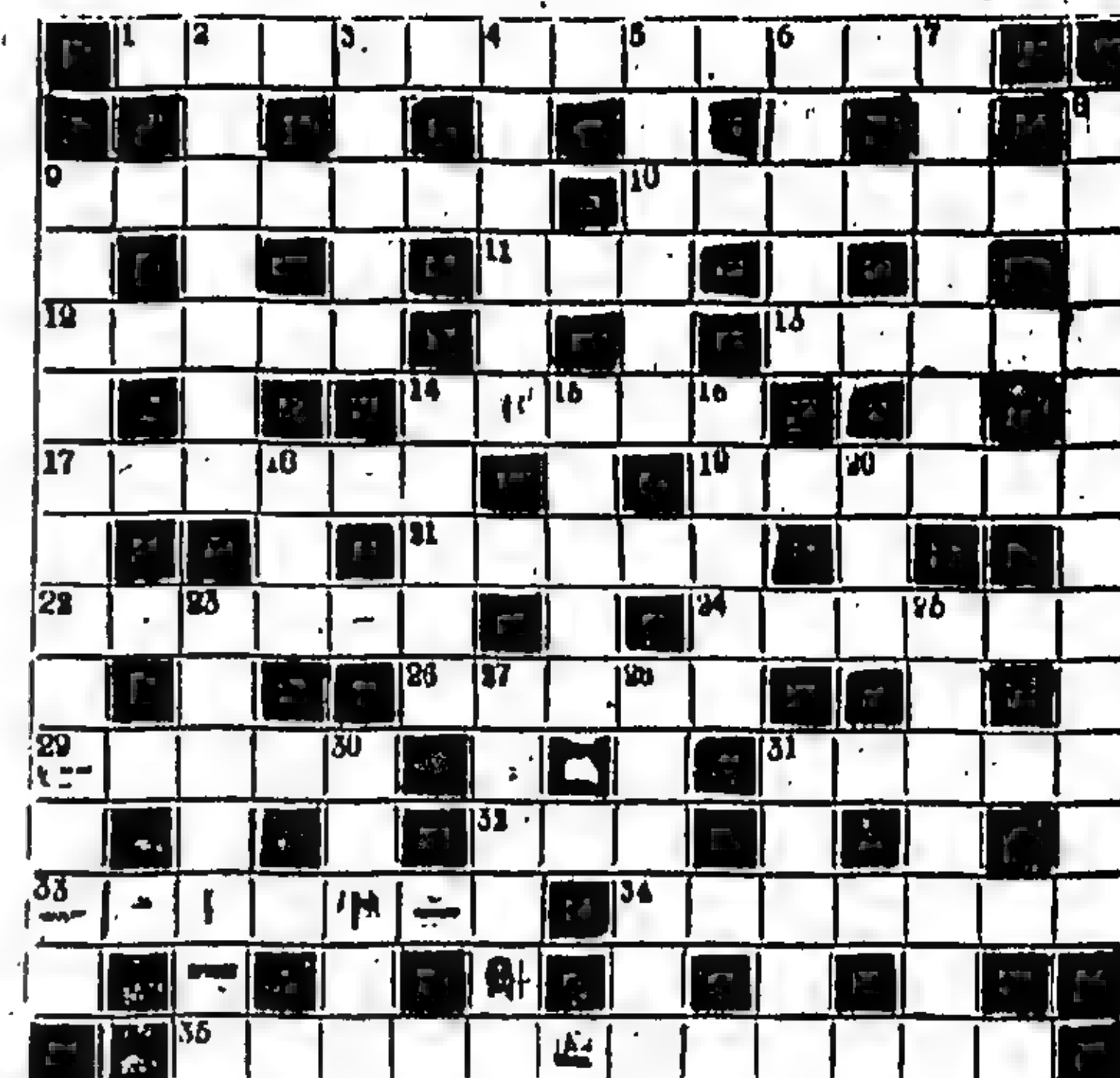
The chairman's motion was then submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The appointment of Mr. M. T. Johnson as a director of the company was confirmed on the motion of Mr. A. Murdoch.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. M. T. Johnson were re-elected directors of the company. Messrs John Fleming and A. Ritchie were appointed the company's auditors for 1932 at a remuneration of \$6,000.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 In this word all the vowels follow in their correct order—though sparingly.
- 9 At any time (rather archaic).
- 10 One of these days this may be a scaffold pole (two words).
- 11 Cromwell placed considerable dependence on this weight.
- 12 C. was strongly attached to this spice and showed great affection to the end.
- 13 Cut short.
- 14 New we can wash a deal of this Spanish dust away. There's a bodega in eight (hidden).
- 17 In the morning a French preposition looks quite up to date.
- 19 This Exchange has a maritime twang.
- 21 Meadling.
- 22 It is in a mess!
- 24 Unable (anag.).
- 26 This plant has small yellow flowers, but with a change of head they would be large, and not necessarily yellow.
- 29 Slaves.
- 31 Whether he rhymes with fool or fool, his horrid deeds may be seen by the owl.
- 32 Water—and not a drop to drink.
- 33 Well known and justly celebrated—including mine.
- 34 Descriptive of a water-beetle.
- 35 Although I'm without defect and I go on to the end, it is all that one can expect of poor, erring humanity.

Down

- 2 The time when the father of the man has great dreams.
- 3 In the little sand hill he makes a silly kind of titter.
- 4 German city.
- 5 Sin.
- 6 Arranges varieties.

- 7 No Lancastrian lover.
- 8 Provided with sight aids.
- 9 "Pol's chic dame," and very talented (anag.).
- 14 As a mark of disapproval not elegant—neither in the street nor elsewhere.
- 15 Beautify, but not without a certain amount of bother.
- 16 Good word—especially the heart portion.
- 18 Most of us do—too much.
- 20 An underhand matter.
- 23 King's Cross and Waterloo.
- 25 His mysteries form the subject of one of Mrs. Radcliffe's best-known novels.
- 27 The South wind, which we all know to be mild and balmy is, also, almost harsh.
- 28 The poor sailor is in a position where he will suffer extreme hunger.
- 30 "To a close-shorn—God gives wind by measure" (George Herbert, "Juncus Prudentum").
- 31 The entire range.

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GENTLE LIBERIAN
H. M. L. I. A. F. E.
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

Markets this morning continued to show firmness, and rates, where altered, were further marked up, otherwise yesterday's higher levels were fully maintained.

Sales.

Union Insurance \$470
Hongkong Lands \$77 1/2
Ewo Cottons Tls. 13, 60/13, 70
Hongkong Trams \$21.40
Daily Farms 28

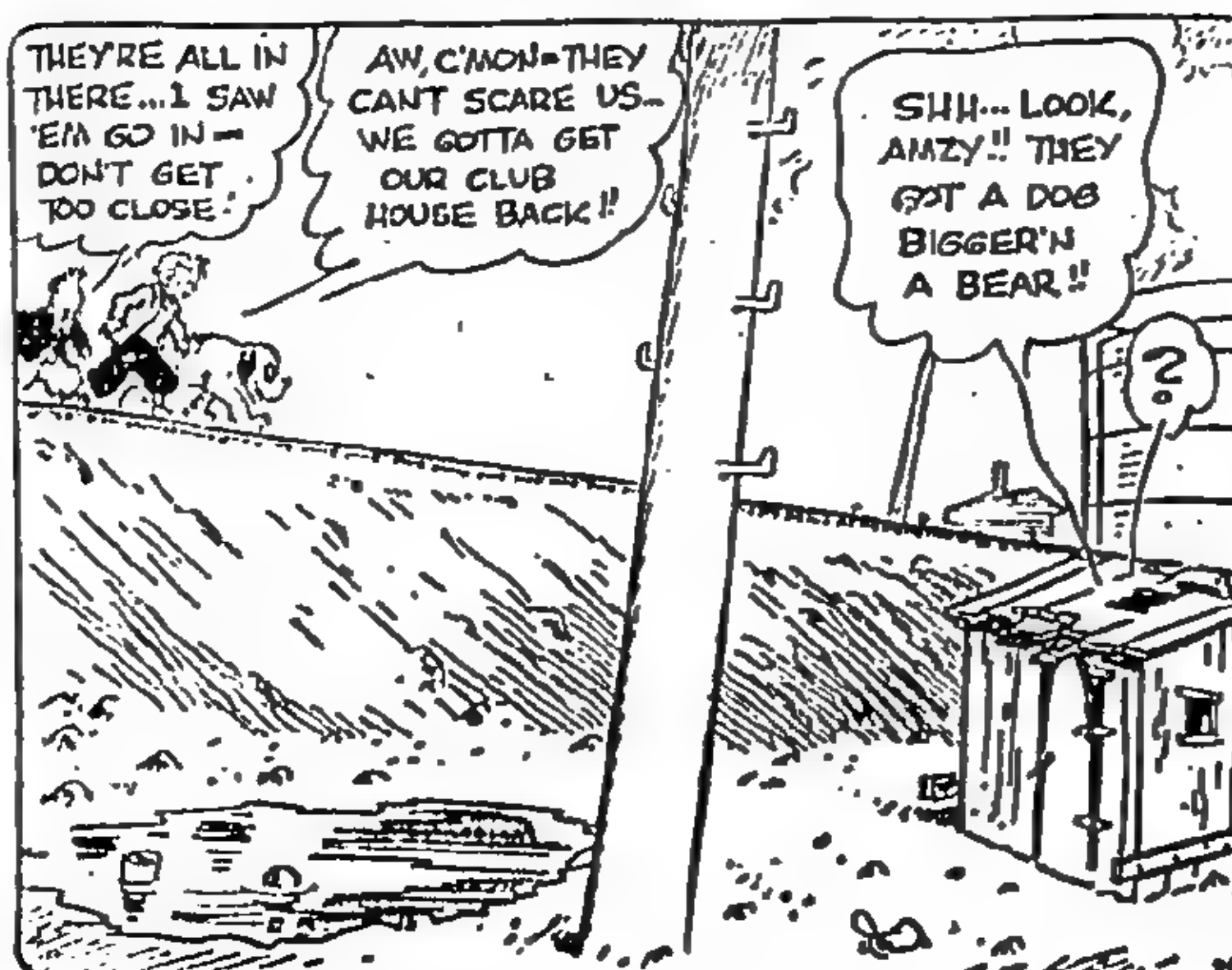
Buyers.

China Fire Insurance \$500
Union Waterboats \$20
Benguet \$15 1/2
Benguet Explorations 31 cents.
Wharves \$143 1/2
Docks \$18 1/2
Providents (Old) \$4.00
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$12.80
Hongkong Lands \$77 1/2
Shanghai Lands Tls. 27 1/2
Humphreys \$15
Hongkong Realities \$11.30
Ewo Cottons Tls. 13 1/2
Hongkong Trams \$21.40
Peak Trams (Old) \$10 1/2
Star Ferries \$90
Yaumati Ferries (Old) \$32 1/2
Yaumati Ferries (New) \$31 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$20 1/2
China Lights (New) \$20
Hongkong Electric \$74
Macao Electric \$24
Telephones (P. P.) \$23.80
Canton Ties \$5.10



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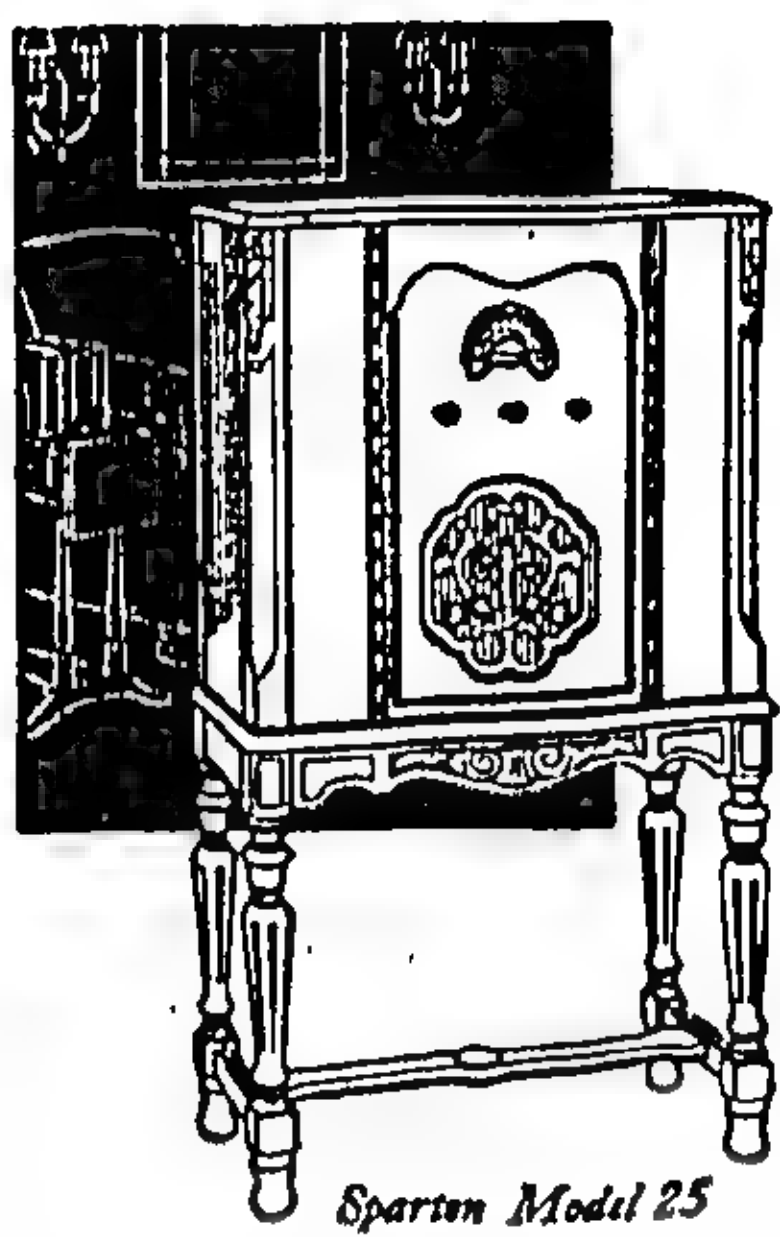
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1932.

GOOD YEAR FOR THE RAILWAY

Slowly but surely the Kowloon-Canton Railway is proving a useful source of revenue to the Colony. The report for 1931, now issued, reveals a year of steady progress. It was not so many years back that it seemed as if the railway were destined to become a burden rather than a source of profit. As recently as 1927, a loss was shown on the year's working, but since then there has been a steady upward trend on the right side. Last year showed the biggest profit of all, over \$150,000, and if we take the years from 1928 to 1931 inclusive, we find that close on four and a half lakhs of dollars have been brought in.

Gratifying as the situation is, it might easily have been even better but for the regrettable mishap caused by the cloud-burst in April which resulted in serious damage to the line, caused the loss of several lives and made it necessary to suspend all traffic for ten days. Until then, the railway had had a proud record, having carried no fewer than twenty-four million passengers without serious injury to anyone or loss of a passenger life. The interruption was all the more regrettable since during the whole of the year there had been no suspension of the express services on account of military or political activities—a welcome change from past times. There is evidence to be found in the statistics included in the annual report that more passengers are using the railway, one of the factors no doubt being the improvements which have been made by cutting down the time occupied in the

journey. There is also a marked improvement in the local goods receipts, which increased during the year by more than twenty-five per cent. On the other hand, the goods earnings on the combined lines show a drop of almost \$6,000 during the twelve months, the total being only just over \$51,000. As the report says, considering the vast amount of cargo moving between the two big cities, this is a very poor figure, and the lack of patronage is said to be a matter of serious concern to the Administrations of the two sections. There would appear to be still need of further improving the track of the Chinese section, and when this is done it is hoped that the journey to Canton may be done in three hours. When we recall the wearisome journeys of the past, it will be recognised that great improvements have already been effected in the service. This has been made possible, of course, by the happy co-operation between the British and Chinese sections, at no time more pronounced than to-day. On our part, that co-operation is evidenced by the fact that through express trains are still hauled by British section engines.

There is one other feature of last year's operations which gives cause for satisfaction, namely, that debits in respect of demurrage and hire of rolling stock for 1931 were accepted by the Administration of the Chinese section. Claims in respect of the years 1923-30 were, however, not accepted, with the result that the amount now due from the Chinese section is well over a million dollars. This is an old legacy, representing a problem which has, somehow, never yet been solved. It would be interesting to know in what light the Hongkong Government views the matter. If there is no prospect of ever getting this money—although according to the working agreement it is obviously due—then it would be better to wipe it out once and for all, rather than to go on year after year keeping the figure recurring in the accounts.

Reforming the House of Lords.

A meeting of the central council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations recently passed a resolution advocating a reform of the personnel of the House of Lords. This resolution crystallizes the desire of a certain section of British public opinion, which has not ceased to regret that the reconstitution of the Lords was the herald of a sunrise which never actually took place. The House of Lords already represents far more sections of the British people than is commonly supposed. The aristocratic element does indeed greatly preponderate in it. But there are Labour peers, and it contains members of almost every grade, including clergy, authors, civil servants, lawyers, journalists, business men. It is in one sense as representative as the House of Commons, though in a different way. It represents trades and professions instead of geographical areas. Its defects as a representative assembly could be easily removed, either by a restriction of the hereditary element or by a strengthening of the democratic section of the House. The central council also proposed that the powers of the second chamber should be increased by making it necessary that a non-money bill, passed by the Commons, but rejected by the Lords, should be presented in two successive parliaments, instead of, as at present, in two successive sessions of the same Parliament, before becoming law. This would insure that no bill opposed by the Lords could become law until the people had been consulted at the general election. An obvious objection to this suggestion is that it would still further delay legislation. Moreover, the same purpose could be achieved by the institution of the referendum. Such an amendment in the Constitution might also be construed as an attempt to hamper the Labour Party whenever it may return to office, and this in itself might urge the Labour Party to those very excesses of policy which it is a main object of the proposal to avoid. But perhaps these are only academic considerations, for so long as the Crown, that is, the Prime Minister, can create peers at will, the preponderating party

DAY BY DAY

RIDICULE IS INDEED A FACULTY MUCH PRIZED BY ITS POSSESSORS; YET INTRINSICALLY IT IS A SMALL FACULTY; WE MAY SAY, THE SMALLEST OF ALL FACULTIES THAT OTHER MEN ARE AT PAINS TO PAY WITH ANY ESTEEM.—*Carlyle.*

Mr. H. L. Schultz arrived here from Manila by the s.s. Empress of Asia.

Four cases of small-pox and two of meningitis were notified to the health authorities yesterday.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., advertise that Mr. T. R. MacDonald will act as Manager of the Insurance Department during the absence of Mr. P. C. Hall.

Mrs. Hazell, wife of Mr. Denis H. Hazell, the well-known tennis player, is arriving in Hongkong together with their little daughter on board the s.s. Naldora to-day, after a stay in the Home country of two years.

Yesterday being the Norwegian national day, all Norwegian vessels in port were bedecked with flags to commemorate the occasion. Celebrations by the Norwegian community in Hongkong were all of a private nature.

Last week's health return shows nine cases of small-pox (six fatal), five of diphtheria (one fatal), five fatal cases of meningitis, and two non-fatal cases of typhoid. There were also 67 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Shanghai by the s.s. Philoctetes were H.E. the G.O.C., Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and his A.D.C., Captain D. R. Cameron, on return from an inspection tour in the North.

SUGAR MARKET.**THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS**

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penbreath and Co.

London Terminals.

August 1932 4/9 no change.
December 1932 5/1¼ up ¼d.
March 1933 5/4¼ up ¼d.
May 1933 5/5½ up ¼d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d-½d. more.

New York Terminals.

Spot .58 no change.
July 1932 .02 up 2 pts.
September 1932 .08 up 2 pts.
December 1932 .76 up 1 pt.
March 1933 .81 up 1 pt.

In the House of Commons can invariably compel the Lords to consent to anything, however revolutionary, that it really is determined shali pass into law. Britain's safeguard against revolution is not refinement of the Constitution, but the good sense of the British people.

HONG KONG: HOMO ON OUR THE HALCYON HADES

NO 1.—THE SINGLE MAN.

The newcomer to Hongkong may walk into any book-seller's shop and procure all the informative literature he can absorb on the Colony's topography, its flora and fauna, the history of the place, customs and characteristics peculiar to the Orientals with whom he will come in contact—all subjects of genuine local interest but comparatively inconsequential in their application to every-day life. The one really important study that all are called upon to take up during their sojourn here is the idiosyncrasies of the social life of our little community, for which unfortunately we have no instructional media but that of hard-earned and very often bitter experience.

There is no gainsaying that social conditions out here are vastly different from those obtaining at home and very few people of either sex manage to achieve immunity from the pernicious, demoralising influence that life east of Suez exerts upon Western character. How after does one hear folks on their return from leave confess to diminished interest in relatives, friends and conditions generally at home. The reception back there had left nothing to be desired but after a month or so things had become somewhat difficult—an apparent lack of common interests and sympathies—an inexplicable incompatibility of outlook on life.

The Colonial is apt to attribute the change to one mind, having been broadened by travel while the other was simply vegetating, but viewing sights denied to one's fellows by no means, in itself, justifies any claim to intellectual superiority. Broadmindedness makes itself apparent through toleration and understanding and while the hills and lanes of Scotland are evolving a Burns, another man may be travelling the seven seas and five continents with as little chance of intellectual improvement as a ship's cat.

A more probable explanation for this inability to mix at home is "that never-failing vice of fools." Most of us come out here to salaries and personal service far beyond what we were accustomed to in the Old Country and like the beggar on his horse, we lose all sense of proportion and ride to extremes of absurdity.

"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us,
It wad frae many a blunder free us
And foolish notion."

To the unbiased observer, the resident going on leave presents a personality entirely different from that of the man who first sets foot on Eastern shores. And yet the individual can scarcely be blamed for his degeneracy. Only a paragon withstands the insidious influence of a noxious environment and a superior complex is so easily acquired when positive suggestion comes from outside.

The least and perhaps the most we can do towards mitigation of these deplorable Eastern mental epidemics is of a preventive nature—innoculation of new arrivals.

The young "commercial assistant" arrives in Hongkong imbued

with the traditional pioneering spirit of his trail-blazing ancestry, fully resolved upon registering his mark in local industrial history by hard-work, enterprise and frugality—doing something really worth-while with his life.

He is impregnated with the glamour of the East and his heart swells to an initial thrill of achievement as his foot first falls upon the far-off foreign soil—the land of the legendary pig-tail, intriguing impassivity and imponderable mystery. First impressions of the Colony transcend expectation and the week following his arrival is replete with the excitement of exploration.

The novelty of his new surroundings soon wears through, however, and a few days' submission to the condescending, impatient patronage of supercilious office colleagues leaves him somewhat abashed and depondant after the convivial friendliness of the cosmopolitan ship-board crowd. Everybody here seems to be irrevocably glued to some small, ultra-exclusive social clique in which there is apparently no room whatever for the immature, uninitiated new-comer and the unutterable loneliness of the desolate, inhospitable hotel room sends his thoughts wistfully back to the congenial home-life of the Old Country.

His self-esteem has been subjected to unanticipated laceration by this failure to form immediate friendship—this incomprehensible intolerance of his newness—and after a few weeks of solitude and critical introspection, he begins to lose confidence in the merits of his former aspirations. Gradually but inevitably he gravitates towards the Colony's club-life, finds a precarious niche in a coterie of youthful blasé rousers and ultimately strikes out in deliberate emulation of these stagnant brained, degenerate habitués in the notorious drinking, gambling and woman-hunting exploits.

Occasionally he looks back and reflects upon what might have been. At times he may even endeavour to fight his way free from the tentacles of the vitiated rabble but what other attractions or interests does the Colony hold out to him? The church's beneficent influence has long been defunct through sheer stagnation and apathy—defiance of the universal, incontrovertible law of alternative evolution or extinction—and even the sports-ground inveigles him into the profligacy of an imbibing fraternity. So he just drifts with the polluted tide—resolutions undermined, work neglected, debt accumulations ignored, health considerations flagrantly disregarded—unreluctantly degenerating into one of the world's worst wasters.

And the sex question naturally appears in the picture. Should he happen to be abnormally attractive to the womenfolk, he runs his drink-soaked head into the unwholesome, nerve-racking intricacies of marital triangles, lost by this time, to all sense of moral decency—unscrupulously wrecking the lives and happiness of others in his mad stampede for sordid sensation. Or Nature may not have endowed him too generously in the "sex appeal" line so he drinks with the boys till closing time, drifts like a demented, rudeness derelict into disreputable, post-midnight resorts.

The last scene of all that ends this ignoble, eventful history finds him destitute of ambition, moral integrity or self respect, losing his job for insobriety and debt to wake up in Tilbury Dock a sadder and a wiser man.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Water Suggestion.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I wonder whether it is medically safe to make use of the sea water off the Praya at Wan-chai and in the Central District for bathing and for washing dishes? If it is, then a lot of water can be saved by encouraging the inhabitants of these two congested areas to get sea water and use it where ever possible.

Everyone hates to use briny water for bathing when fresh water can be obtained, but I feel sure that the ease with which one can get a bucketful of sea water, contrasted with the long and tedious waiting at the street hydrants, should provide an incentive sufficient to counteract any dislike for salt water.

Perhaps some of your medical readers will enlighten us on this subject. Yours, etc.,
WANCHAI.



"For a steak to melt in your mouth, sir, is SOMETHING—but it's not EVERYTHING."

JAPANESE ENVOY
IN NANKINGMUCH SPECULATION
PROVOKEDAN UNOFFICIAL
EXPLANATION

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, May 18. Considerable speculation has been provoked in Chinese circles in Shanghai and Nanking over the visit to the capital of the Japanese Ambassador to Brazil, Mr. Ariyoshi, who is now returning to Shanghai.

While the reason for the visit has not been made public, it is reported that Mr. Ariyoshi went to Nanking for the purpose of informing the Chinese government leaders regarding Sino-Japanese political questions, particularly those connected with the Japanese withdrawal of forces from Shanghai and the proposal for the setting up of a round table conference.

Mr. Ariyoshi failed to obtain an interview with Mr. Lo Wen-kun, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, but he conversed for over two hours with Mr. Wang Ching-wei. It is stated that Mr. Wang Ching-wei told the Japanese envoy that China had placed the settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute entirely in the hands of the League of Nations.—*Reuter*.

BOMBAY RIOTS
QUELLEDNEARLY THOUSAND
CASUALTIES

Bombay, May 17. The grave developments in Bombay and Calcutta are now subsiding.

After four days of rioting in Bombay, in which no fewer than 88 were killed and 869 wounded, quiet was restored this evening.

Order has been restored also in Calcutta, where, in the course of the rioting, the Deputy Commissioner of Police and other officers, as well as a number of constables, were injured. There were also a score of civilian casualties.

The trouble was due to Hindus stoning a Moslem procession.—*Reuter*.

The presence of British troops patrolling the disturbed areas in Bombay had a salutary effect to-day, although in places there were further fierce outbreaks of Hindu-Muslim animosity. The tension was heightened by the fact that it was the Moslem New Year.

Early in the day, several more people were killed and many injured, but the authorities gradually gained control of the situation, the police and troops displaying complete impartiality towards the rioters.

There was also a clash between Moslems and Hindus in Calcutta to-day and during the efforts to restore order the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hartley, and other officers and constables were struck by flying missiles.—*British Wireless*.

THE GALLANT
NINETEENTH ARMYShanghai Defenders Now
in Nanking

Nanking, May 18. The Sixty-First Division of the Nineteenth Route Army, which bore the brunt of the early fighting in Chapei against Japanese bluejackets and regulars, have entered Nanking, coming from the trenches at Kunshan now that the Japanese troops are withdrawing.

The population here lined the streets and gave them a tremendous welcome after their three months in the trenches. The troops, who will rest here for some time, looked fit, despite their experiences in the fighting line.—*Reuter*.

CANADA FINANCE
PRECAUTIONWIDE AUTHORITY FOR
CABINET

Ottawa, May 17. A Bill authorizing the Cabinet to take steps to meet any financial crisis during the forthcoming recess will probably be tabled in Parliament by the Government before Parliament is prorogued.

This announcement has been made by the Prime Minister, who adds that emergency measures will only come into effect by proclamation, after mature consideration.—*Reuter*.

SENATORS CRASH
AGAINTHIRD DEFEAT IN A
ROW

New York, May 17. St. Louis appear to have broken the morale of the Senators, winning their third match in a row at Washington to-day, this time by a margin of 11 runs to 2.

Meanwhile, the Yankees continue their winning progress. Cleveland failed again to-day in a very tight game. Chapman hit a home run for the Yanks and Averill replied in kind for the Indians.

Waner hit a home run for Pittsburgh, giving them the edge on Brooklyn.

Results:—

National League.			
Cincinnati	2	New York	1
Pittsburgh	3	Brooklyn	1
Chicago	9	Phillies	4
St. Louis	4	Boston	3
American League.			
Philadelphia	2	Detroit	0
Boston	3	Chicago	7
Washington	2	St. Louis	11
New York	3	Cleveland	2

PRIME MINISTER
TAKES AIRINGLEAVES FOR SCOTLAND
TO-NIGHT

London, May 17. The Prime Minister went for a motor drive in the country to-day. He returned to the Nursing Home to-night, but will leave to-morrow, and, after spending some time in Downing Street, he will travel by night train to Lussiemouth, Scotland, to complete his convalescence.

He will be away about three weeks, returning to London in time to prepare for the Lausanne Conference, which opens on June 16th.—*British Wireless*.

DOLLAR DROPS A
FARTHINGLOCAL MARKET VERY
UNCERTAIN

Although silver is up in London, the Hongkong dollar declined a farthing this morning to 1s. 3-1/8d. The local market is very uncertain, with little inclination for anyone to do business.

London reports a rise of 1/8th in silver. China and India were small buyers, while sellers held back. After the official fixing, the market ruled steady, with America inclined to buy.

In New York silver at 28 3/4 is down 3/8th, but the market is reported to be steady.

FLOOD MENACE

YANGTZE RISE CAUSES
ALARM IN HANKOW

Hankow, May 17. The Yangtze waters continue to rise and are causing considerable anxiety. Urgent petitions have been sent by the people to the local authorities to strengthen the Changkung and Lankang dykes, two of the most important, for protecting the Wuhan area from floods.

The local authorities in turn have appealed to Nanking for funds.—*Reuter*.

BY AIR TO PEKING.

PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION
OF YANGTZE SERVICE

Shanghai, May 17. The Chinese National Aviation Corporation, which has so successfully run the Yangtze Valley air service, is proposing to extend its service to Peking. A test plane returned here after a flight to Tientsin, making landing arrangements. It is expected that the service will operate very shortly.—*Reuter's Special*.

AIDING SILK INDUSTRY.

Nanking, May 17. With a view to giving some measure of relief to the Chinese silk industry, the Government has decided to exempt Chinese silk from the export tax.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Wynne Jones yesterday discharged Ho Kam-chun, lodging-house keeper of 130, Connaught Road West, who was charged with possession of two Dutch notes and one Straits Settlements note. It was stated by defendant that he received the notes from one of his lodgers in payment of his bill and sundries. Mr. Peter Sin defended.

INDO-CHINA S.S.
MEETINGLOCAL LIGHT DUES
CRITICISED

VERY POOR YEAR

Depressed conditions in shipping were stressed by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson when presiding at the annual general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., this morning. Only during the last quarter of last year, he said, had conditions for the Company taken a turn for the better.

The increased light dues in Hongkong were criticised as likely to place in danger the Colony's reputation as one of the cheapest ports in the East, and the hope was expressed that the Government would reconsider the position.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—It will be observed from the Directors' Report that the year under review began in depressing circumstances and it appeared as though we were inheriting all the difficulties of 1930. If that year went down as one of the most disastrous experienced by the world over, it is no exaggeration to say that its successor was even worse. China's political problems, banditry, labour troubles, taxation, serious competition, the continued fall in the value of the dollar, and the world-wide depression in trade were still to the fore with us in the East, and matters were made more disconcerting by the appalling floods in the Yangtze Valley during the summer.

I will not delay you with an exposition of our troubles except to touch upon them in discussing the trades in which the Company is interested, as they are already familiar to you in speeches from this chair and to quote from one of "Fairplay's" 1931 Reports, "the task of describing the course of shipping business during the past year could only be handled adequately by him who wrote the story of the sufferings of Job." Suffice it to say, however, that these factors all took their toll on the Company's earning power, and it was only during the last quarter of the year that conditions generally took a turn for the better, a gleam of light in stygian darkness. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that once again your Directors have to submit an unsatisfactory report on the year's working, but taking everything into account it is better than it might have been.

FIRING ON SHIPS.

On the Yangtze River, despite every obstacle to peaceful trading, the Company's gross earnings exceeded slightly those of the previous year, and it is pleasing to note that the travelling public, both native and foreign, supported us to a gratifying degree. Firing on merchant ships continued as in previous years, but was confined mostly to the Middle River by bands of irresponsible soldiery styling themselves the Soviet Republic of China, and it was only possible to navigate this stretch of the river in safety with the assistance of H. M. Navy, to whom again I would record the Company's keen appreciation. Owing to the heavy rains in Central China, floods of an unprecedented nature occurred and vast areas were submerged causing untold damages and incalculable loss of life. In July, the river at Hankow passed the previous record level of 50' 5" in 1870 and went on rising until 19th August, when it reached the peak of 53' 6" after which it fell slowly.

It is quite impossible, in the scope of these remarks, to convey adequately an impression of the difficulties which confronted us during this period, not only at Hankow but at other adjacent ports. Cargo had to be shifted from lower to upper floods of godowns as well as to lighters, hulks, tseamers and other hired premises, and for a while the Company's business was conducted at one of our vessels. It says much for those in charge of affairs, ashore and afloat, that they were able to carry on in the face of such trying circumstances, and to them I take this opportunity of conveying our grateful thanks.

CHANGSHA LOOTING.

In my speech last year, I referred to the Company's losses at Changsha through the wanton destruction and looting by communists or bandits. Not only are we still without a settlement of our claims on the Nanking Government but consignees who lost their goods commenced to boycott us and this was felt with varying degrees of intensity throughout the year. It is to be hoped that our claims may receive favourable treatment, and that some effort will be made by the Chinese authorities to end this agitation against us.

Keen competition was felt on all sections of the river and senseless rate-cutting indulged in at frequent intervals. Towards the end of the year, however, circumstances arose over which we had no control and the Company was

NO SECOND ESCAPE

(Continued from Page 1.)

ed a loan of \$10,000 and the Crown case would be that the letter contained direct menaces to the life of the householder's son (in respect of whose murder three men were found guilty last Saturday, sentence on two being reserved pending the outcome of a Full Court discussion on a point reserved on the application of Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, defending counsel).

The second, continued Mr. Hazlerigg, purported to be written by the son himself, and he then proceeded to read the letters.

KILLING OUR ENEMIES.

The letter by Cheung Ku stated he was a wandering son from afar and although he had heard of Taang Kun-wing's great name he had not had the opportunity of calling to see him. "We have now left our military service and have come to Hongkong from Swatow and desire to go to Shanghai with a view to killing our enemies."

As they had no travelling expenses, the letter continued, they had detained the son in their house, he having been met "unexpectedly" by "our brothers." Also, if drastic measures were taken, repentance would be too late, and if any harm came to the deliverer of the letters, then the son's life was dearer than the life of the bearer, and, "I shall immediately cut your son's head and send it back to you so as to repay for the bearer."

Cheung Ku signed himself as the Officer in Charge of the Chinese Iron and Blood Branch of the Eastern River.

CAPTURE STORY.

The letter which purported to have been written by the son to his father, stated that he had fallen into a bandits' den and as his right hand had been wounded by a gun he got someone else to write the letter for him. As he was located on a desolate island it was difficult to get the services of a doctor. At present he was in no imminent danger but they had allowed him to write and ask for \$10,000. It was to be feared that action would be taken against his life if any measures were taken against his captors.

Mr. Hazlerigg explained that, when charged, prisoner made a statement in which, after describing events in connection with the murder, he added, that they returned to the Mei Chow Hotel where "Wong Hoi told me to write two letters and when this was done Cheung Sau-fu was instructed to deliver them."

MUST HAVE KNOWN.

As the Magistracy prisoner stated that he went with Cheung Sau-fu to deliver the letters, but Mr. Hazlerigg explained it would appear that he waited outside the house and when Cheung Sau-fu was arrested returned to town.

Mr. Hazlerigg commented that prisoner must have known the contents of the letters as he admitted having written them in his statement, and by accompanying Cheung Sau-fu to the house he either directly or indirectly assisted in causing their delivery.

After evidence had been called, the jury retired and after an absence of two minutes they returned a verdict of guilty.

Mr. Justice Wood then sentenced prisoner to imprisonment for life.

permitted to enjoy untrammelled trading.

Our regular services in other directions were well supported with the exception of the Calcutta Line which suffered from political disturbances in India and the world-wide depression. Here restricted immigration to the Straits was a serious factor in our deck passenger business.

TIENTSIN THREAT.

A depressing feature of the Tientsin trade is the recurring silting of the Haiho River, which threatens the future existence of Tientsin as a port. A scheme to prevent this silting was put into force and financed by the imposition, in June 1929, of a surcharge which still continues and has resulted in the collection of over \$3,000,000. Unfortunately, although the measures calculated to permit the diversion of silt-laden tributaries to the settling basin were ready to be put into operation, the diversion did not take place at the crucial moment for some unknown reason and drafts in the Haiho River are once again limited to 9 feet with every prospect of navigation becoming impossible for even shallow draft tugs and lighters. This state of affairs cannot continue indefinitely and the responsible Authorities must bestir themselves if they are to save the port from extinction.

For the past two years I have referred to the tendency of Port (Continued on Page 5.)

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By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 meters. (446 K.C.). 5-7 p.m. Chinese Programme. 6-8.30 p.m. Children's Concert. 7-10.30 p.m. European Programme of Victor Records. 7 p.m. Mail Notice, etc. 7.5-7.21 p.m. L'Arlesienne (Bis). Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden 912/913. 8 p.m. (Local Time and Weather Report.). 7.21-8.15 p.m. A Concert. Violin Solo-Caprice Antique (Dabozh-Kreis). Violin Solo-Legend of the Canyon (Caden). Song-Year Little Black Eyes (de Castro-Falla). Song-The Shepherdess (Duarte-Talayo). Marguerite D'Alvarez (Mezz-Soprano). Piano Solo-Invitation to the Waltz (Weber). Piano Solo-When You and I Were Seventeen (Kahn-Rosoff). John McCormack (Tenor) 1084. Cello Solo-Gavotte Tender (Hillemacher). Cello Solo-Minuet (Debussy). Pablo Casals 1191. Song-The Two Grenadiers (Schumann). Song-Midnight Review (Glinka). Frederic Chaboudin (Bass), 6019. Piano Solo-Murmuring Zephyrs (Jensen-Niemann). Piano Solo-Spring Song (Mendelssohn). Rudolph Ganz 1609. 8.15-8.35 p.m. Hawaiian Music. Hawaiian Noon. Hono Hono Hawaii. Kane's Hawaiians 20704. Illu-Hawaiian March. Kane's Hawaiians 20702. Dinner Waters. Kane's Hawaiians 20707. Honolulu March. Kane's Hawaiians 20707. Frank Ferner and John K. Paahiki (Guitars). 20027. 8.35-9.10 p.m. Rosenkavalier (Richard Strauss). Augmented Tivoli Orchestra conducted by Richard Strauss 9250/9253. 9.10-10 p.m. Variety. Instrumental-Gala to Ride That Midnight Train. Instrumental-Fourth of July at a Country Fair. Georgia Yellow Hummers 20649. Humorous Song-Id de Anying for You. Humorous Song-He's so Unusual. Helen Kane 22080. St. Margaret's Chinese Westminster. Impressions of London (Westminster). Actually recorded by Stanley Rogers 20629. Chorus-How's Your Folks and My Folks. The Happiness Boys. Humorous Song Married the Bootlegger's Daughter. Frank Crumit 19739. Organ Solo-Silvery. Organ Solo-Maria My Own. Jean Crawford 22748. Song-Kentucky Babe. Song-Nighty Nite. Song-Valhalla De Leath (Soprano) 20664. Banjo Solo-The Poll Dance. Banjo Solo-St. Louis Blues. Eddie Peabody 20698. Negro Spiritual-Leave It There. Negro Spiritual-Stand by Me. Face Jubilee Singers with Hatfield Parker 21691. 10-10.27 p.m. Orchestral. Anache Dance (Offenbach). Victor Symphony Orchestra 30166. Over the Hills and Far Away (Gringuer-Schmidt). Victor Symphony Orchestra 30036. Finlandia (Symphonic Poem) (Sibelius). Royal Albert Hall Orchestra 9016. Pomp and Circumstance (Elgar). Royal Albert Hall Orchestra 9016. 10.27 p.m. Mugby Mid-day Press News. 10.30 p.m. Close Down. All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Teang Pook Piano Co.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Friday, May 6.—The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, G.M.G., attended a meeting of Executive Council, and took the prescribed oaths as Officer Administering the Government before His Honour Mr. Justice Wood.

Saturday, May 7.—Commander A. H. Walker, O.B.E., accompanied by Captain G. H. Knowles, R.N., and attended by Paymaster Commander W. K. C. Grace, R.N., called on His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at Government House. Brigadier R. B. Cousins, D.S.O., attended by Lieutenant J. Baskerville-Glegg, the Greys, called on His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at Government House. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, attended by Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., returned the calls of Commodore Walker in H.M.S. "Tamar," and of Brigadier Cousins at Flanagan House.

Sunday, May 8.—Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., called on M. Dufau de la Prade, Consul-General for France, to express the sympathy of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and of the Colony of Hongkong, on the death of M. Doumer, President of the French Republic.

Monday, May 9.—Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., represented His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at the funeral of Mr. Tang Chi-ngong.

Tuesday, May 10.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government presided at a meeting of Executive Council. Vice-Admiral Herr, Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, called at Government House.

Wednesday, May 11.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, attended by Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., returned the call of Vice-Admiral Herr in the French cruiser, Waldeck-Rousseau.

Thursday, May 12.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, attended by Captain F. W. Webb, A.D.C., and Mr. J. Barrow, Private Secretary, attended the Memorial Service for M. Doumer, late President of the French Republic, in St. Joseph's Church.

Friday, May 13.—M. and Mme. Dufau de la Prade paid a farewell call on His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southern.

Saturday, May 14.—M. de Soulanges-Toussier, Consul for France, called at Government House.

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NEW SYSTEM NEEDED

SHOULD SELECTION OF CRICKET
INTERPORT TEAMS BE TASK
OF AN ASSOCIATION?

IS IT NOT HIGH TIME, now that cricket has gained such a prominent place in the sporting life of the local community, for it to be placed on a sounder administrative basis, with an organised Association, recognised as the ruling body, set up to conduct the League and to be responsible for the selection of Interport teams?

It is a question which is exercising the minds of numbers of Hongkong cricket enthusiasts, who feel, despite the excellent work accomplished in the past by the officials of the Hongkong Cricket Club, that the time has now arrived that the game, particularly in its chief competitive forms such as league and Interport cricket, should be controlled by a more representative body.

When the cricket Interport team to represent Hongkong against Shanghai this week was selected, the determination of the Selection Committee naturally brought forth a certain amount of criticism. Keen followers of the game in Hongkong had their own opinions as to the correct constitution of the team, and in a number of cases they considerably differed from that of the official team.

While one can, to some extent, ignore these personal claims to team selection, a little thought regarding the present position of Interport selecting in connexion with cricket does reveal that some sort of change is indicated.

Up to the present, what have always been regarded as Interport matches between Hongkong and Shanghai, are really contests between the Hongkong and Shanghai Cricket Clubs in the sense that they are privately arranged by those clubs. The fact that the teams have been made more or less representative, has been purely dependent on those two clubs.

SATISFACTORY SELECTING.

No one will suggest that the Hongkong Cricket Club selection committee has not done its work ably and with a great deal of careful thought; or that it has not fully explored the field of local talent in order to secure the best representative sides.

At the same time, the growth of cricket in Hongkong as it is to-day, does seem to demand a new organisation to carry out the task of picking Hongkong's Interport teams. There is no Cricket Association in Hongkong; no actual ruling body. The Cricket League is conducted without any established executive. The clubs meet each year when their representatives attending the meeting are regarded as officials to form the committee. The League, however, has no up-to-date rules, and so far as is known, very few printed rule books are in circulation.

NEED OF FOUNTAIN HEAD.

That the League has been free from any trouble or disputes in the past does not obviate the necessity for a less haphazard system of con-

ducting such an organisation. Further, the ever-growing popularity of the game in the Colony, and the importance it has gained in the sporting life of the community, demands that it should have a recognised fountain head, by which all competitive forms of the game should be controlled.

The formation of a Cricket Association, with jurisdiction over the League, and powers to select Interport and other representative teams would only be in keeping with other sports in Hongkong in which contests with other Ports are maintained, such as Tennis, Lawn Bowls, and Swimming.

ALLAY RESENTMENT.

Furthermore, to dedicate the task of selecting cricket Interport teams, to an authority such as an Association which is composed of representatives of all the clubs in the Colony, or at least, those participating in the League, would allay any resentment which may be felt that the choice of the team is in the hands of one club.

While it should be again emphasised that one does not quarrel with the present system because it has been in vogue for a great many years past, the day has come when cricket in Hongkong might be placed on a sounder administrative footing by the organisation of a representative ruling body.

RETURNS TO FORM



A. P. F. Chapman, the smiling Kent Cricket captain, who returned to batting form against Gloucester. A continuance in this direction may solve the selectors' problem of the next English Test Captain.

ITALY WIN WITH EASE

SPAIN LOSE LAST TWO SINGLES

Rome, May 17. Italy made certain of their entry into the next round of the Davis Cup, and the right to meet either Monaco or Switzerland, when Palmieri to-day defeated Maier in the fourth match of the contest, and subsequently Stefani clinched a 4-1 win for the Italians by eliminating Juanico.

Palmieri was leading Maier (Spain) 2-6, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2, when the latter was forced to retire owing to injury sustained through a heavy fall.

Rome, May 18.

Stefani, the ambidextrous tennis player, to-day won the fifth match of the tie between Italy and Spain, when he beat Juanico in straight sets, with the loss of two games, the scores reading: 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.—Router.

SPORTS CHATTER FROM THE "FOUR CORNERS"

Golfers Killed by Lightning—Need for Taking
Precautions—What to Do in a Storm—
Cambridge Makes History—Duleep's "No"

Golfers and Lightning

THE death by lightning stroke of a golfer and his caddie when playing a round on the Maidenhead links has naturally given rise to a certain amount of apprehension among devotees of the Royal and Ancient game writes Mr. E. L. Hake, M.A., Meteorological Superintendent of Hampstead Observatory. Since the occurrence of these fatalities meteorologists have been kept busy with inquiries as to the risk involved in handling iron clubs during the progress of a storm. Does the metal attract the lightning, they are asked, and must the new all-steel shafts be regarded as an all-steel source of danger?

To give an unqualified affirmative reply to these questions would be in the nature of scaremongering; to answer them in the negative would be to encourage rashness. Without evading the point we may go on to consider how death and injury by lightning are brought about.

What Statistics Show

STATISTICS tells us that approximately four out of every five such casualties in England are among men. Of these the majority are agricultural labourers, farm hands and the like, who are at their work out of doors when a storm breaks and imprudently neglect to lay aside their scythes, sickles, spades or ploughs. Golf clubs are not such risky things as pointed iron or steel implements to have about one in a thunderstorm, but the presence of any metallic substance tends to concentrate in its vicinity the great electrical stress to which lightning is due. The chances of being struck, though always small in England, are definitely increased for anybody carrying the normal equipment of a golfer.

Lightning "conductors" affixed to houses and churches are usually made of iron or copper, and if they are properly "earthed" they serve their object of protecting the buildings. But a "factored rod" or a bad earth connection is a potential source of danger. And so, to some extent is a scythe or an iron golf club.

Since the metallic element is not inserted in the ground (save occasionally in the case of the niblick)

some of the electric current will traverse the limbs and body of a man who happens to be holding any implement at a time when it is functioning as a lightning conductor. So violent is the discharge of the flash that either serious injury or immediate electrocution is likely to result.

Take These Precautions

CONSEQUENTLY, the best thing for a golfer to do when overtaken by a thunderstorm is to drop his iron clubs at once and give them a wide berth. He will be wise not to put up an umbrella—especially if it has a metal ferrule. He will also do much better to endure a soaking than to court trouble by taking refuge beneath one of the isolated trees that are to be found on so many golf links. Oaks, in particular, should be carefully avoided, as lightning seems to have a curious predilection for them. The safest course of all, though not the most comfortable, is to lie down in a ditch or bunker, as far away from trees as possible.

The human casualty list from lightning is not very serious in England averaging about 20 a year killed and 100 injured. Among sheep and cattle, however, there is a much heavier death roll, due in large measure to the partiality of flocks and herds for sheltering under trees.

Cambridge Make History

ROWING history was made at Cambridge when the University crew were seen out in the May Term for the first time. This strange happening has been brought about by the decision that the Eight is to compete at Henley for the Grand Challenge Cup, as a Leander crew, when if they are successful, they will most likely represent Great Britain at Los Angeles in the Olympic Games. The crew were started at 5.30 in the same order as they rowed at Putney, and used Leander oars in

Sibbles in Devastating Form With Ball

TRUNDLERS AGAIN FAVOURED

THE FEATURE OF COUNTY CRICKET over the

week-end was the thrashing given Yorkshire before their own supporters at Bradford, by Lancashire, who won by an innings. Sibbles, the young Lancastrian bowler was the cause, taking no less than 12 wickets for 68 runs, 58 of which were hit off him in the second innings.

Kent gained full measure of Gloucester and won with ease, Freeman again bowling with effect, and Woolley Chapman and Ames scoring freely. A number of matches were left unfinished with results dependent on the first innings.



F. E. Woolley.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Somerset beat Hants at Taunton by ten wickets.
Derbyshire beat Warwickshire at Derby by 123 runs.
Kent beat Gloucester at Bristol by 150 runs.
Lancashire beat Yorkshire at Bradford by an innings and 50 runs.
Leicester beat Northants at Leicester by an innings and 135 runs.
Sussex beat Middlesex at Lords on first innings.
Essex beat Worcester at Leyton on first innings.
Notts beat Surrey at Nottingham on first innings.

FRIENDLY MATCH

Glamorgan drew with the All India Eleven at Cardiff.

Batting.

Paynter (Lancashire)	152
Armes (Leicester)	152
Vazirani (All India)	108
Dyson (Glamorgan)	100
Woolley (Kent)	100
Gunn, G. V. (Notts)	88
Gibbons (Worcester)	77
Berry (Leicester)	74
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex)	70
A. P. F. Chapman (Kent)	70
N. V. Turnbull (Glamorgan)	72
Ames (Kent)	68

Bowling.

Freeman (Kent) v Gloucester	7 for 37
Sibbles (Lancs.) v Yorkshire	6 for 10
Sibbles (Lancs.) v Yorkshire	7 for 10
Geary (Leicester) v Northants	5 for 58

BATting FAILURES.

thants	6 for 57
Vorley (Yorks)	5 for 17
Whire	8 for 107
Mitchell (Derby) v Warwick	7 for 48
Partridge (Northants) v Leicester	6 for 78

Somerset Win Low Scoring Match.

A second inning collapse on the part of Hampshire allowed Somerset to win by ten wickets. Hants, who had first use of the crease, could only compile a meagre 186, to which Somerset replied with 178. Fine bowling by Lea, who took 5 for 37, results in Hampshire being skittled out in their second venture for 77 runs, and Somerset knocked off the required 43 without loss.

DERBY WELL ON TOP.

Mitchell & Armstrong Cause the Damage.

Splendid trundling by Mitchell and Armstrong allowed Derbyshire to collect the full complement of points from Warwick, the latter experiencing two bad spells at the wicket.

Derby won by 123 runs after being dismissed in their first innings for 108, in which F.E.S. Wyatt captured 4 wickets for 21 runs. They recovered at the second time of asking and were able to declare at 214 for 7 wickets.

Warwick's first reply was to gain a lead of three runs on the first knock, and this despite Mitchell's effort of taking 7 wickets for 48 runs. On their reappearance, however, Warwick went to pieces, and against Armstrong could do nothing. He secured half the wickets for 27 runs, Warwick being all out for 88.

CHAPMAN, WOOLLEY AND FREEMAN.

Cause Downfall of Gloucester.

Another extraordinary bowling feat by "Tich" Freeman, together with strong batting by A.P.F. Chapman, Frank Woolley and Ames, brought about the defeat of Gloucester by Kent by 150 runs.

Taking first knock, Kent compiled 167 runs, of which Chapman helped himself to 76. Freeman, however, proved so deadly with the ball that Gloucester were dismissed for 94 in their reply. "Tich" captured seven wickets for 37 runs.

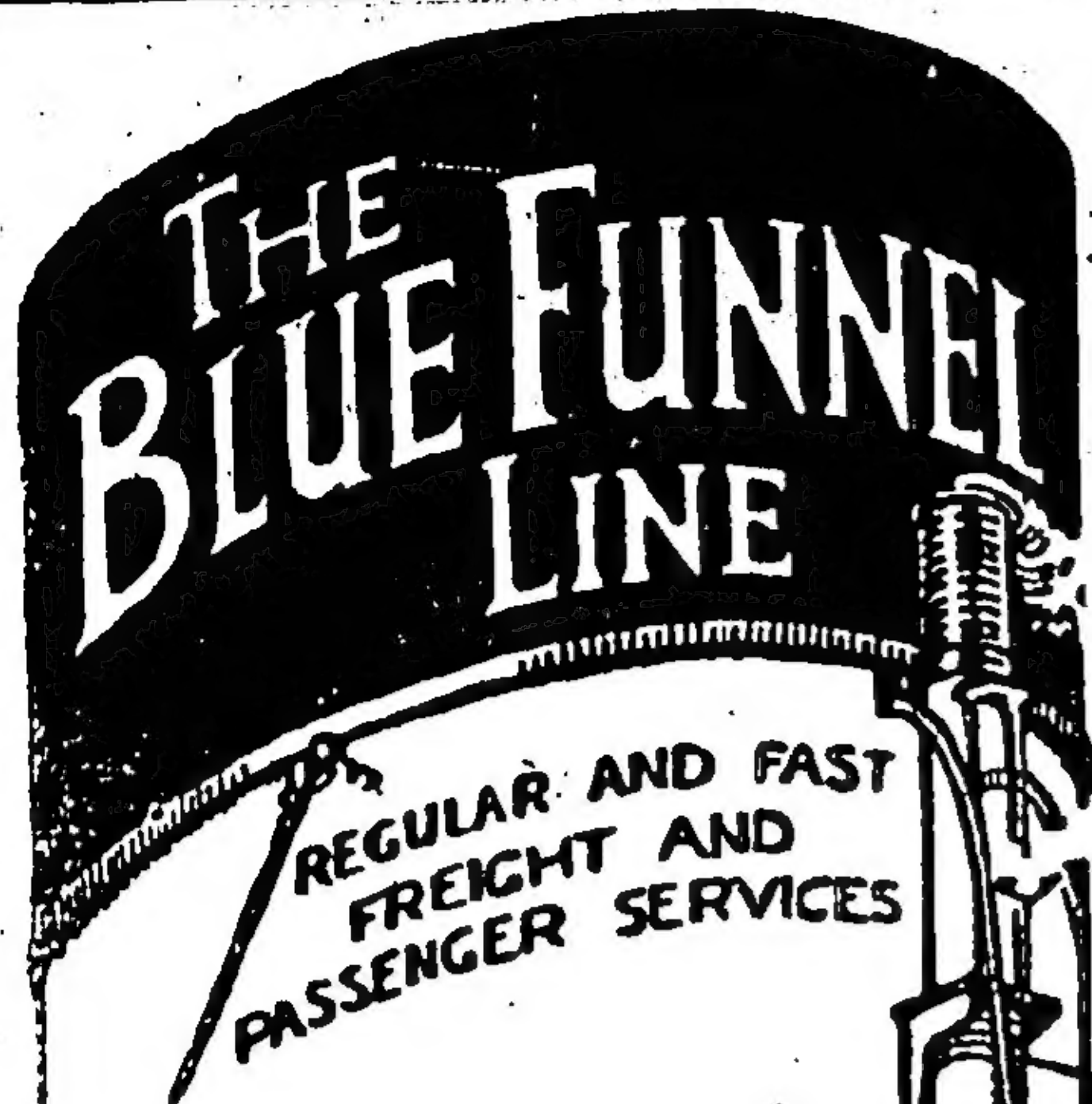
Kent, batted with more confidence in the second innings, and thanks to Woolley (90) and Ames (68), both undefeated, the declaration was made at 208 for two wickets. Freeman again played havoc with the Gloucester team, and in taking 6 wickets for 59 runs, caused their dismissal for 181.

LANCS WIN FIRST ROUND.

Yorkshire Completely Outplayed.

The first round of the annual "War of the Roses" between Lancashire and Yorkshire has ended in favour of the Lancastrians, who defeated their neighbours by an innings and 50 runs at Bradford. Lancashire put up a total of

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THE DIME-A-DANCE GIRL

(Continued from Page 3.)

They drove on through the September night.

Ellen felt small and insignificant, not married at all, as the car turned through high iron gates, cracked up a smooth driveway that was like a long, white ribbon, and at last hesitated beneath the porte cochere of a great stone house. Lights burned from all the windows on the lower floor.

They had driven through landscaped grounds and she had caught a glimpse of the swimming pool gleaming with stars. Steven had pointed out the stables and tennis courts, had spoken of golf and boating.

Could this be home? Could this ever be home to her?

She had a sudden hysterical notion that he and she might be dropped into separate wings of the great house and be unable to find each other for days. When they were inside it was not like that at all.

They entered a long, softly lighted living room with strange gleams of copper from the walls and the soft shine of old and well worn furniture. The room was perfect even to a copper bowl of yellow roses on the coffee table beside a rose wood fire lighted against the chill outside. Ellen looked about her, silent with delight. Why had she been so afraid of wealth when this was what wealth brought? Beauty that took the breath away.

"Do you like the place, Ellen?" Steven asked softly.

"Oh—so much!"

"My darling, darling wife," he whispered.

There was something in the husky, whispered voice that filled her heart with panic. Not now—not now! Not until she had a little while—

Steven must have read her face. When he was beside her he put an arm about her shoulder and led her to a place by the fire. She heard him speaking.

"We'll have that food," he said quietly. "The bells aren't connected and I'll have to find Ferguson."

With that he was gone. Ellen trembled as she saw that he had left the room. How good he was! She waited five minutes, 10 minutes and with each passing moment she felt her courage revive. She began to wish that he would return.

Lying on the coffee table were the morning newspapers, still primarily jacketed and unopened. She glanced casually the headlines, then started to turn the pages in search of a favourite columnist. As the society page flipped by, she paused.

There was a brief announcement that the engagement between Lawrence Harrowgate and Elizabeth Bowes had been broken.

(To be Continued.)

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1931 PUBLISHED

"It is satisfactory to record that notwithstanding the general depression of trade and a very regrettable accident on the British section, the year 1931 proved, on the whole, a very successful year for the Railway."

In this opening paragraph, taken from the annual report of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section), the position of the enterprise is epitomised. The report states, inter alia, that running expenses were slightly heavier than during the previous year, but increases in traffic, traffic receipts and train mileage showed that steady progress was made.

Operating expenses actually increased by \$104,981.85, while net Revenue amounted to \$150,094.70 as compared with \$133,100.47 for 1930.

The Chinese Section.

Good progress was made on the Chinese section with the reconditioning of the track, and this enabled reductions to be made in the duration of the through journey between the two termini of Kowloon and Canton.

All through express trains continued to be hauled by British section engines, and the three new engines referred to in last year's report were brought into service in May and proved both efficient and economical.

Increased Traffic.

The view, expressed in the annual report for 1930 under this heading that, given a fast and punctual service of trains between the two cities, an ever-increasing proportion of passengers would travel by train, was fulfilled during the year 1931. Increases furthermore occurred in the 1st and 2nd class passenger, and there is every prospect of still further improvement in the numbers.

It is to be deplored that whilst the railway in the course of its vicissitudes in the past has frequently been debarred from earning revenue due to Chinese political and other troubles, it should have suffered a setback in what promised to be a record year owing to an accident which no foresight could have prevented. Until April 20th of 1931, the railway had, from its inception, carried 24,000,000 passengers without serious injury to a passenger, or loss of a passenger life, and it is with profound regret that eleven deaths and some nine seriously injured passengers and an unknown number with minor injuries have to be recorded.

Express Service.

The express services were maintained 352 days out of 365, or five days less than the previous year. From January 1, to April 20 the rate of haulage was \$1.10 per mile, but on the resumption of traffic after the accident, when the new tender locomotives were

WATER PROBLEM

CHINESE PETITIONS TO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS

The water restriction regulations imposed by the P.W.D. authorities, which have resulted in considerable complaint by the Chinese community, have resulted in petitions being sent by the Tung Wah Hospital, the leading Chinese charitable institution, here, and other Chinese commercial bodies, to the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council.

The Tung Wah Hospital's suggestions for improvement of the present situation may be summarised in the following recommendations:

To increase the hours granted for a supply to the street fountains; to increase the number of street fountains in the congested districts where people have to wait for hours and overnight for a bucket of water; and to reopen the water tanks which proved so useful during the water famine of 1929.

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Passengers Carried.

Through and joint sectional passengers carried were as follows:

Passengers booked at stations in British Territory to stations in China excluding Sham Chun the border station—1929, 375,144; 1930, 389,723; 1931, 430,479.

Passengers booked at stations in China excluding Sham Chun the border station to stations in British Territory were respectively, —626,696, 648,269, and 627,212.

Local passengers carried were as follows.—Main line 895,579, 976,076, and 972,694.

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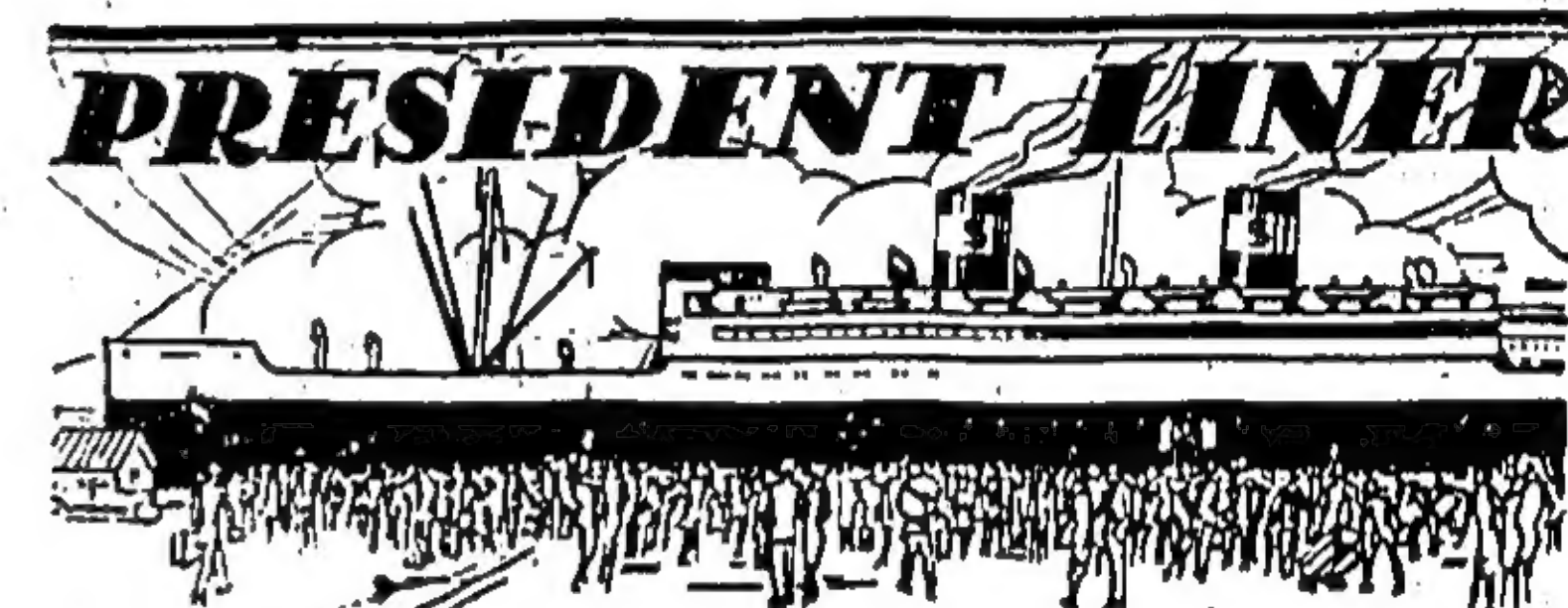
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HAWKER'S STORY

The Police Court trial of Tseng Kwok-yau, charged with instigating the murder of George Fung in Village Road, Happy Valley, on the night of March 24, was resumed before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Before the hearing was resumed Mr. Lindell said that he understood Mr. Brutton did not want to cross-examine Miss Lai Ming-fay that afternoon, so that, with the permission of the Court, the Crown proposed to call other witnesses.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Brutton remarked that he desired to reserve his cross-examination.

Mr. Lindell indicated that he might wish to put a few questions to Miss Lai Ming-fay before her examination in chief was concluded.

Dr. R. S. Begbie, acting Assistant Government Bacteriologist gave evidence of the post mortem examination which he performed on the body of George Fung at 10 o'clock the day following the murder.

Witness described the bullet wound, which had its entrance from near the lower angle of the left shoulder blade. Its course went from the back to the front of the chest where the bullet was subsequently extracted.

Witness stated that the bullet, in its course, had pierced the lung at the back, the heart muscle and the lung in the front. Death was due to haemorrhage and shock as a result of the wound. The body was otherwise healthy.

Mr. Lindell: Could you form any opinion as to the range at which the shot was fired?—There was no evidence to show that the shot was fired close to the deceased. I think it was probably fired at a distance of more than three feet from the deceased.

Mr. Lindell: Can you form any opinion as to the maximum distance?—No.

Friend's Evidence.

Chan Wing-yung, a man of independent means of 14, Shan Kwong Street, where George Fung and Lai Ming-fay had spent the early evening prior to the shooting, was next called and in reply to Mr. Lindell said that he knew the accused with whom he was on friendly terms. On March 24 George Fung went to his house in the morning and after 11 p.m. they returned with Lai Ming-fay. The two left at about 8.30 p.m., and five minutes later Fung returned to the house where she reported the shooting to witness, who drove her in his car, to Yik Yam Street but on seeing nothing unusual there, they went to the police station.

Later he went to the Young Wo Nursing Home, where he saw Fung who was then unconscious. Together with Mr. Morris Fung and Quenton Fung, brothers of the deceased, witness went to the Hotel Nathan for the deceased's clothes.

Witness remarked that before he had left his house a friend, Sung Chi-ming, had telephoned and reported the tragedy to the Police.

A Telephone Message.

Lau Cho, house "boy" in the employ of the last witness said that about 7 o'clock on March 24 some one telephoned for Lai Ming-fay, while half an hour later an amah handed witness a letter for Miss Lai. Witness accordingly delivered the letter to the lady.

Mr. Brutton (cross-examining): Did you hear Lai Ming-fay say (over the telephone) "bring the letter to this house?"—No.

When the letter was brought to the house and given to you, you were merely asked to give the letter to Lai Ming-fay weren't you?—Yes.

There was no question as to who was in the house?—No.

No question as to whether George Fung was there?—No.

And no question as to whether Lai Ming-fay was there?—No, she (the amah) said to give the letter to Lai Ming-fay, that's all.

Hawker's Story.

Lo Yau, a hawk, whose stall was placed a little way below the entrance into Yik Yam Street, stated that he heard a report as of

a detonating fire-cracker shortly after 8 o'clock on the night in question.

It made him look in the direction of Yik Yam Street, where he saw two figures, that of a man and woman, hurrying along, while at the same time he also heard running footsteps behind his stall making for one of two lanes bordering the terrace of Man Chung Fong. One of the two people he saw hurrying along appeared to be assisting the other, and they were making for a corner house, the first presented to his view in Yik Yam Street.

Detective's Evidence.

Shok Tui, a detective attached to the Wanchai Division, stated that on the receipt of a message, he hurried to the district, proceeding first to Yik Yam Street, and then to the Young Wo Nursing Home.

He next saw the hawk Lo Yau, and secured from him information which led to his making a search of a scavenging lane at the back of Man Chung Fong. Here, he found a pistol discarded in the gutter, and took it back with him to the Wanchai Station.

A Diary.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy, who took over the case from his Chinese subordinate, said that he accompanied Lai Ming-fay and Chan Wing-yung in the latter's car to the Young Wo Nursing Home, where he found Fung in charge of Dr. S. C. Ho and apparently in a dying condition. He received a report announcing Fung's death after his return to the Station, and proceeded to circulate what was officially styled a "murder message," naming the wanted man as Chan Kwok-yau.

The following morning he handed certain bloodstained articles of clothing taken from the body of the deceased to Sub-Inspector Rozeky, also a silver-backed note-book.

The bloodstained articles consisted of a singlet, a waistcoat and a jacket. The silver-backed note-book is described as containing entries in the form of a diary by the deceased.

Peculiarities of Weapon.

The pistol picked up by the Chinese detective in the locality of the crime was next exhibited, and the Police Armourer, Sergt. J. E. Scott, who had examined and tested its mechanism, described the weapon as an automatic of cheap Spanish make, firing cartridges of .32 inch calibre. The magazine was charged with six cartridges, of the same type, but not of same make, being Remington products which could be used for that pistol. In the breach was an empty cartridge; the reason why it had not been ejected after being fired, was because of a defect in the mechanism.

To test the mechanism he had recourse to firing it with six other cartridges of a similar calibre, and at each time it failed to eject the empty case. Decomposed powder extracted by means of a cotton wad thrust into the barrel showed that the weapon could not have been fired within more than 24 hours.

Marks Removed.

At the back of the weapon, if a practice in Hongkong and India were conformed with, there should have been the local registration number stamped on the metal. There were traces of such a number having been there, but so worn that he was unable to decipher them. The registration number, that was to say manufacturers' number, was stamped on the side of the body, but he could find no trace of any such number. In his opinion, it had been removed with

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a file or been rubbed away with emery paper.

That same evening, he received a bullet extracted from the body of the murdered man. It was identical with the six in the magazine of the weapon exhibited.

Mr. Brutton's Query.

At this stage Mr. Brutton, appearing for the accused, called for a definite statement from the Crown as to whether the accused was in any way connected with the weapon exhibited. Mr. Brutton declared that they knew of another gun, of which the number, and in respect of which there was a licence, was known to the Police. He was in a position to lay his hands on that gun at any time.

The Magistrate: I think it is very important that every valuable bit of evidence should be brought forward. It may be also for the benefit of the accused.

The Public Prosecutor (Mr. Lindell) replied that in his extensive opening he had fully laid all his cards on the table, and pointed out that if such an allegation was made it would have found a place there. He had then also mentioned that the Police were still making inquiries, and the position as far as that went, was still unchanged.

Counsel Protests.

Mr. Brutton protested that he was entitled to an explanation, and what Mr. Lindell had told him as to the inquiries had told him nothing.

The Public Prosecutor: It tells you everything.

Later Mr. Lindell declared that he was not going to tie himself down to any particular statement which Mr. Brutton might want to have at that stage. "I am prepared to say there is not at present any allegation against the accused in connexion with that pistol. That is as far as I am prepared to go. I am not prepared to go further."

With the conclusion of the Police Armourer's evidence, the Court found it convenient to adjourn, and the following afternoon were set aside for further proceedings.

To-morrow (Thursday) and Friday (May 19 and 20); and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week (May 25-27).

Before the Court rose, Mr. Brutton said, in response to the Crown's offer of Lai Ming-fay for cross-examination, that if possible he would not be cross-examining her at this preliminary stage of the trial. It was agreed that this witness, whom the Crown Prosecutor desired to recall for further examination-in-chief, was to be held back at the convenience of the Crown until other witnesses had been heard.

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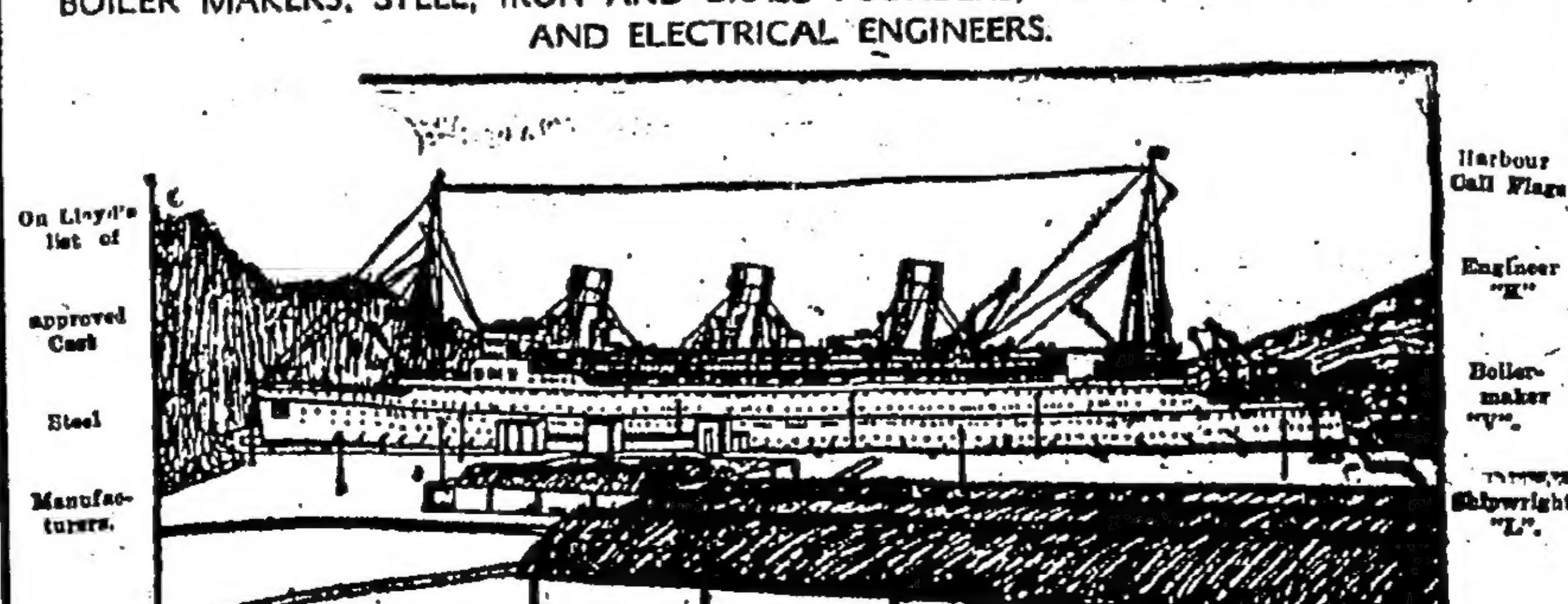
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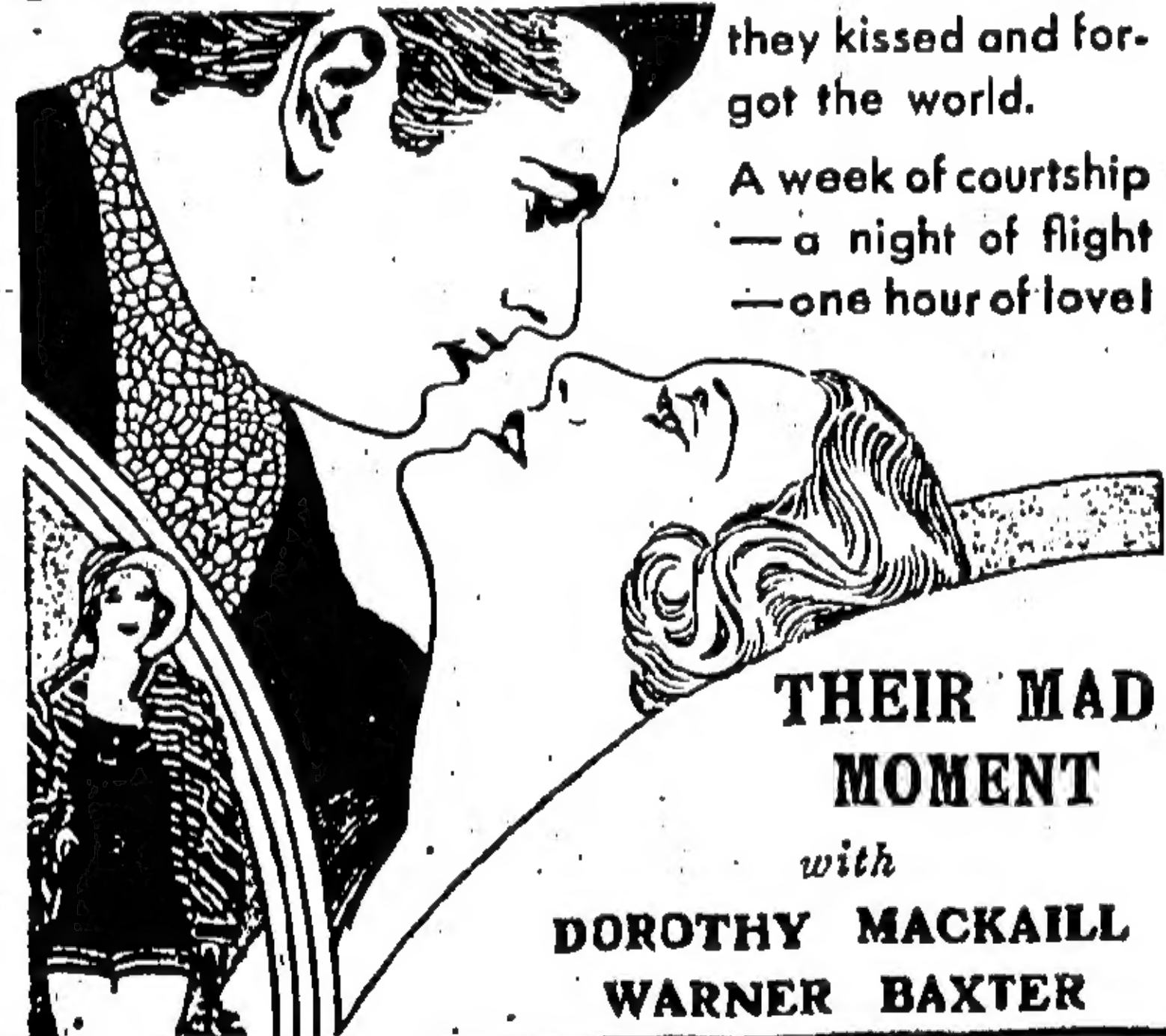
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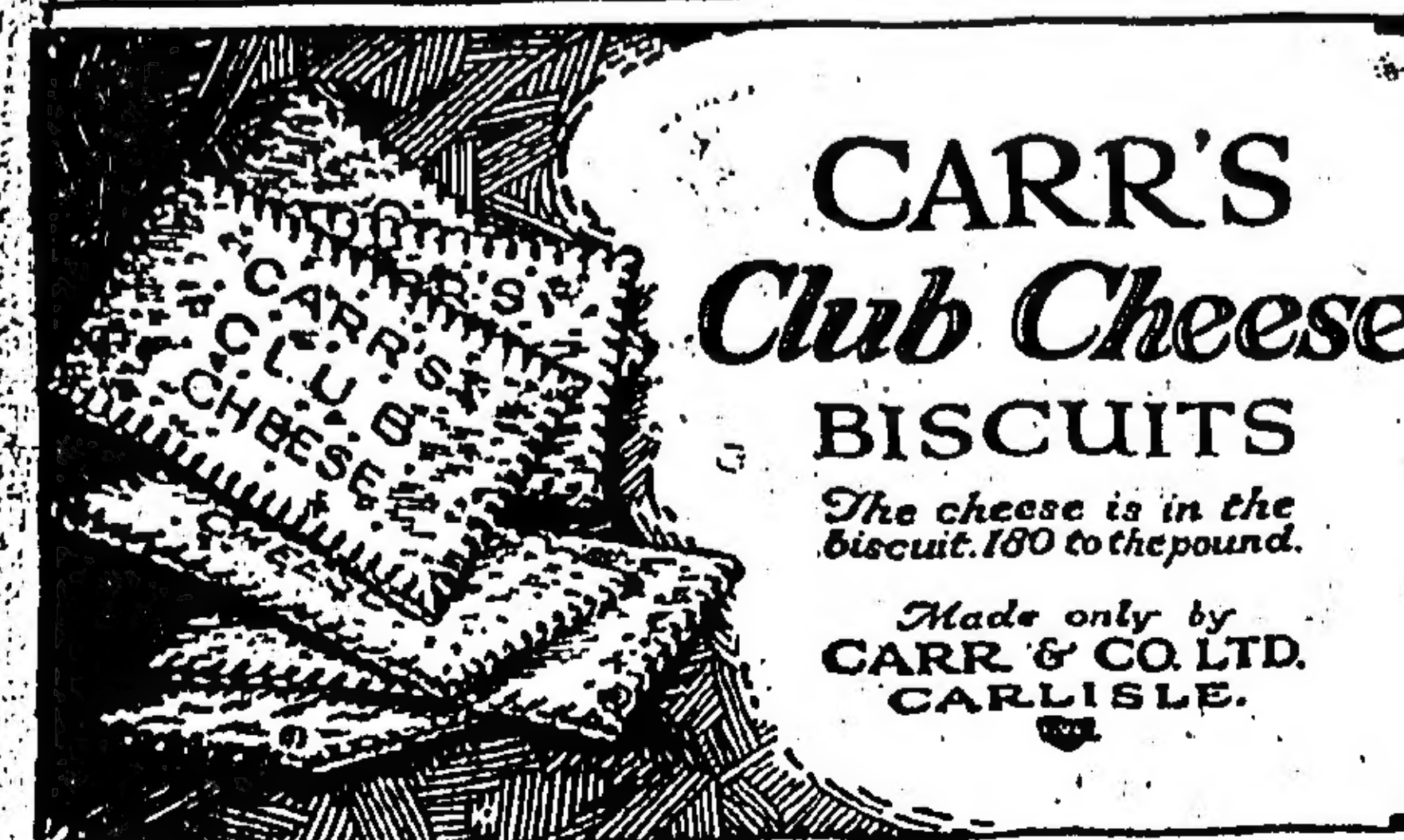
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Fears of a tragic termination to a long flight on the eve of success are now entertained in the absence of news of Flight-Captain Hans Bertram, the famous German aviator, who took off from Kupang for Port Darwin early yesterday morning and has failed to arrive.

A frantic search is now in progress for signs of the large Junkers all-metal aeroplane which he was piloting, accompanied by another young German, Herr Thiem, as second pilot, Count Lagoria, the well-known film operator, and a mechanic, Herr Klausmann.

They arrived in Kupang on Sunday on a trade and mapping flight from Germany to the Far East and to Australia, and took off for Port Darwin, apparently, early yesterday morning, since when nothing has been heard of the party.

DESTROYER SEARCHING.

A Dutch destroyer from Surabaya is helping in the search and all ships in the vicinity have been warned by wireless to keep a look-out for the missing aviators.

The object of the flight was explained by Captain Bertram in an interview in Singapore when he said that he sought to discover the best means of linking up Australia, Asia and Europe by air lines, while he also proposes to fly across America and Africa with the same object in view. He is of the opinion that the best method would be to divide the routes up so that land and sea planes can be used where each type is particularly suitable.

The work which he had undertaken had not been without careful planning. Some six years have been spent, including trips to the Far East, in making the preparations for the flight, and he emphasized that no attempt was being made to break records.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Up to the mishap now feared, the flight has been very successful, and Capt. Bertram was confident.

Recalling his earlier trip when his plane sank at Vizagapatnam, Capt. Bertram said that was a smaller Junkers plane than the one he is using on the present trip. On that occasion the plane

WATER-SLOGAN
COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce that the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton has very kindly consented to act as Judge in the Telegraph's Water Slogan Competition, entries for which close on Saturday next. All slogans sent in, whether previously published or not, will be forwarded to Mr. Shenton, whose decision will be final.

There is no slackening in the number of entries being sent in. From the latest batch we make the following selections:

No. 13:—"The water you save to-day may save a life to-morrow."

No. 14:—"A little saves each morning; a big save each night."

No. 15:—"Tighten your taps or tighten your belt."

No. 16:—"Use water for tea, but bathe in the sea."

No. 17:—"Want of thought—want a quart."

No. 18:—"A gallon in the mains is worth twenty in the drains."

Slogans, which must not exceed ten words, but may be less, must be addressed to the Editor, and be marked:—"Water Slogan Competition."

made a perfect landing but a wave caught the machine and tipped it over. The pilot and his companion ran along the other wing to try and regain the balance, but it was too late. The experience was rendered still more uncomfortable because the water was known to be shark infested. Capt. Bertram and his companion remained in it for about 20 minutes but were rescued by a boat from the steamer Clan MacLivery.

The party had a narrow escape during their present flight. Flying across the Bay of Bengal from Calcutta to Rangoon they ran into a storm and had to deviate from their course. The result was that when they ran out of the storm, having flown inland, they found themselves with only enough petrol to keep them going for about ten minutes. Fortunately the pilot located a lake north of Akyab and landed there safely. They stayed there during the night and the storm which they had avoided followed them there. It broke furiously in the night but the machine was undamaged. —*Router and Ex.*

GERMAN THUNDERSTORM HAVOC

(Reuter's Special Service).

Cologne, May 17.
Vineyards and orchards in the Rhineland have suffered as the result of a thunder-storm which was so violent that bodies from churchyards at Rubenack were washed out of the graves.

Five people were killed in the village of Guel, near Coblenz, owing to the collapse of flooded houses, while twenty-five people who were praying in a church were trapped by the flood and had to be rescued by the police through the roof.

ARMY'S BID FOR
POWERECONOMIC POLICY
DICTATIONJAPAN'S POLITICAL
CURIOSITY

Tokyo, May 17.
The Army's sympathy towards the farmers and the small merchant class and their conviction that the alleviation of the economic distress in the rural districts is essential, seems likely to play an important part in deciding the composition of the new Cabinet.

According to one well-informed source, the Army has not yet definitely refused to participate in a Party Cabinet, but is strongly urging the formation of a National Government.

According to the same source, the Army nevertheless agrees to recommend a War Minister in a Selyukai Government headed by Mr. Kieaburo Suzuki, provided the Government pledges itself to support the Army's economic programme which is said to include a change in the taxation system, aiming at relief for the farmers and the application of moratorium to debts contracted by the farmers and small retailers.

Mr. Suzuki, it may be noted, is a forceful character with reactionary sympathies. He has close personal associations with Baron Hiranuma, General Araki and other leaders of the Kokuhonshu. —*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIA'S
PREMIERMADE MEMBER OF
PRIVY COUNCIL

London, May 17.
H. M. the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Joseph Lyons, Prime Minister of Australia, to be a member of His Majesty's Privy Council. —*British Wireless.*

Orlando Thomas Kinsey, of East Grinstead, an ex-Metropolitan Police sergeant was 103 on Apr. 20.

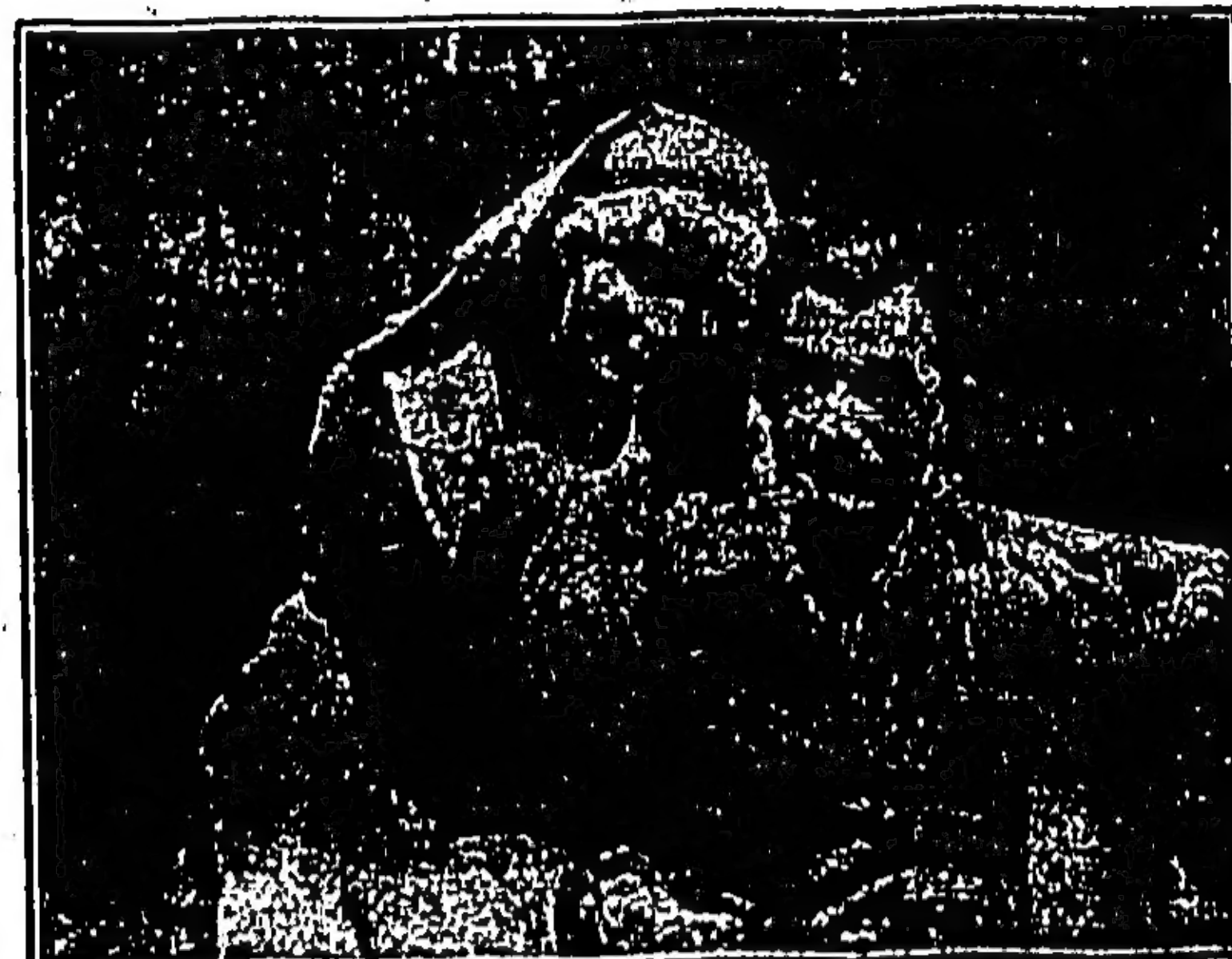
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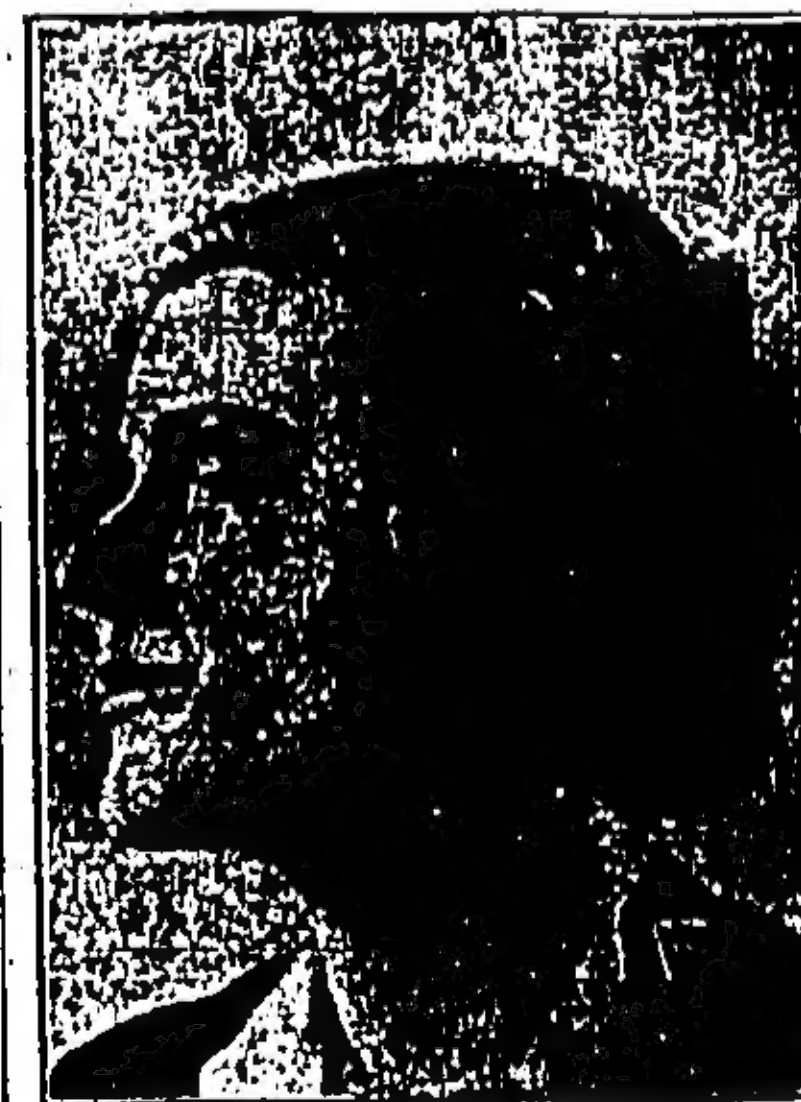
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